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Paradise sewerage extension dropped

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel selectmen will not force the town's sewer line another 2,000 feet up Paradise.

The five board members voted unanimously last week not to include such a project in a loan/grant application for a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant.

The new line would have ended at the top of the hill, District Superintendent Rob Gundersen said.

Had the project been included and approved, homeowners

**Vernon Street
pump-station
project will
include repaving
from Main Street
to Eden Lane.**

ers along 2,000 feet of road above the existing Paradise Road sewer line would have been required to hook up and become customers of the Bethel Sewer District.

"It's not economically feasible to do it any other way," Selectman Bob Everett said.

Hooking up would entail running a line from the home's foundation to the road right of way, at the owner's expense, Town Manager Jim Doar told the selectmen.

Residential customers of the district currently pay, on average, \$154 per quarter.

Last week's decision reverses a decision at a workshop in August, to include the new line in the RD application — in an effort to expand the district's customer base.

The relatively small number of current customers (approximately 525) makes it difficult for the district to achieve economies of scale in its operation, Gundersen said, thus driving up the rates for those current customers.

And with recent upgrades to its pumps and treatment plant, he said, the district is now capable of "handling another Bethel."

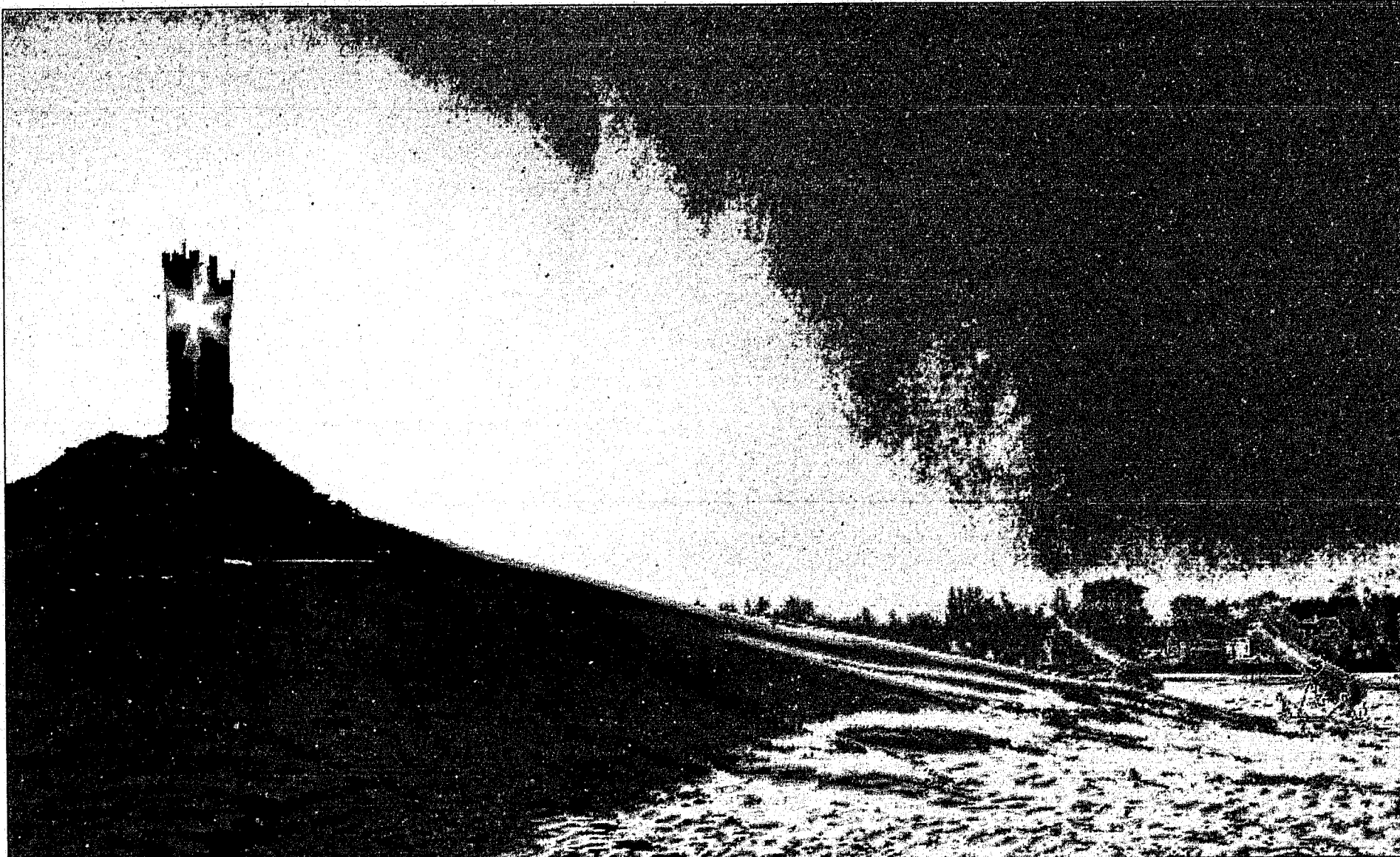
At the August workshop, Board Chairman Stan Howe said: "We'd love to expand our base, because the more customers we have the less we'd all have to pay."

Selectman Don Bennett noted at the time that the section of Paradise Road in question could potentially provide a significant number of new customers.

"There are great spots up there for elderly housing or retirement housing," he said. But last week Doar told the board that before the USDA would approve such a project, several questions had to be answered, including: "Do the users want to connect?"

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WinterFest 2012's star attraction



TUESDAY MORNING'S RISING SUN SHINES THROUGH the log core of the WinterFest snow volcano. Snowmaking is now complete, and the hill will be open for sliding Friday morning at 10 a.m. Seismic readings predict a fire-and-ice eruption Saturday at 6 p.m. (Photo: M. Daniels)

Woodstock chief: fire-aid agreement saves time, money and \$300K home

By ALISON ALOISIO

Eight months into Woodstock and Greenwood's enhanced mutual aid fire agreement, Woodstock Chief Geff Inman says, "It's worked out fantastic."

The sharing of firefighters, to alternately man the two towns' fire stations during the day, has cut response times to fire calls, Inman told Woodstock selectmen Tuesday.

Eleven calls over the past year averaged eight minutes from the time of the tone until firefighters arrived at the scene.

One call took only four minutes, he said, and saved a \$300,000 home.

In the past, when firefighters had to respond from their

homes or out-of-town workplaces, the times averaged 15 to 20 minutes, Inman said.

In addition to the faster times, the new arrangement has saved Woodstock money on equipment maintenance, he said.

Average response times have been cut by more than half.

While firefighters are on duty at the stations, they work on trucks and other equipment.

"They've handled a ton of truck maintenance that otherwise we'd send out for someone else to do, who's paid a lot more," said Inman.

In other WFD business, Inman and the board discussed options for replacing an aging squad truck. The truck carries

equipment to fire scenes, aids in traffic control and provides a place for firefighters to get warm.

Funds for a new vehicle have been put aside in a capital account. Inman said he hopes to get a used truck for under \$30,000.

Because timing could be important if a truck becomes available, the board discussed bringing a specific truck proposal to a special town meeting, when the time was right.

Selectman Steve Bies expressed concern about expanding that amount of money on the approval of a special meeting, but Town Manager Vern Maxfield said he was comfortable with it because townspeople had already vot-

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Forum Monday at Telstar on proposed LURC changes

By ALISON ALOISIO

A public forum on possible local impacts of proposed legislative reforms to the Land Use Regulation Commission will take place Monday at Telstar High School.

LURC oversees planning and development in the state's unorganized territories. In the Bethel area, those include Albany, Mason, Riley, Grafton and Milton.

Seven LURC commissioners, appointed by the governor and reviewed by the Legislature, oversee 10 million acres of territory statewide. Permits for development large and small are issued by the agency.

Under LD 1798, LURC would be renamed the Maine Land Use Planning Commission, and county commissioners from counties with the most UT acreage would appoint six of nine proposed commissioners (Oxford County would not currently be among them, according to published reports). The governor would nominate people for the other three seats.

The proposed legislation would also allow counties to take on some permitting that is now done by LURC.

In addition, beginning in 2015 counties could opt out of LURC, if they adopted a comprehensive plan and established a regulatory system to take over LURC functions. Those functions would include a planning and appeals board.

Plantations currently under LURC jurisdiction could also

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88 acres of Waterford fields and forest protected

By LESLIE DIXON, Sun Media Group

A desire to protect a historic property has led Bart and Mary Ann Hague to place 88 acres of agricultural fields and forest lands in Waterford under a conservation easement, Lee Dassler of the Western Foothills Land Trust said.

The easement protects the fields and working woods surrounding the 1790s McWain farmhouse, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. It includes 3,116 feet of frontage along the picturesque McWain Hill Road.

"My aunt had the vision to buy the fields," Hague said of some of the extensive land holdings that surround the house.

Sited high on McWain Hill with panoramic views of the

White Mountains and the Ma-hoosuc Range, the Hagues' lands comprise a significant portion of settler David McWain's original holdings in Waterford. McWain was the town's first settler.

"I feel strongly about the farm's architecture," Hague said of one of the main reasons he wanted to protect the farmland around the house. "It is more than structure. It's the relationship (of the farmhouse) to the fields and to the orchards and the old quarry."

Hague dedicated the easement to his father, professor Arthur Bartlett Hague, an outstanding pianist and professor at Yale University for 40 years, his mother, Marjory Abbott Hague, a prized wa-

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Bart and Mary Ann Hague's land on McWain Hill Road in Waterford has recently been protected under a conservation easement with the Western Foothills Land Trust. It includes these stone walls and field that overlook the White Mountains. (Contributed photo)

Byway discussion expected at Newry meeting

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry town officials expect the subject of Newry's role in the Route 26 Scenic Byway to come up at the March 5 town meeting, even though there will be no warrant article addressing it.

Selectmen recently opted out of further town participation on a new committee that is

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WINTERFEST EVENTS

To the Editor:

The Bethel WinterFest, presented by Norway Savings Bank, begins tonight, Thursday, Feb. 23. The kick-off party is at 22 Broad Street — sponsored by Twenty2 Vodka. All are welcomed to attend starting at 4 p.m. — with wrap up at 7 p.m. The theme of the festival, "Fire & Ice" will be showcased at this event with tiki torches and an ice bar! Thanks to John and Amy Amann, as well as our friends at Twenty2 Vodka for creating this fun event to start the festival.

The sledding hill, presented by Sunday River Resort, with help from various contractors donating time, equipment and services, will officially open at 10 a.m. on Friday. Children are invited to come, supervised by a parent or guardian, at 10 a.m. (with plastic sleds or tubes only) and sled all day until dark.

All are invited to attend the WinterFest Rail Jam at Mt. Abram Resort under the lights starting at 6 p.m. Spectators welcome. Entry fee for competitors (skiers or boarders) is \$25. Cash prizes and lots of fun for everyone!

Saturday the event continues, with supervised sledding again from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Antique snowmobiles will be on display from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m., Scenic Airplane flights (\$35 per person) from the Bethel Airport from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a snowshoe demonstration and activities provided by True North Adventure-ware and Tubbs, and several events being held throughout the area at the Alpine and Nordic Areas.

The grand finale — the WinterFest snow-mountain bonfire — is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday evening! Come watch this spectacle, brought to us through the ingenuity of chamber friend Jim Sysko, snowmaking by Sunday River Resort, equipment donations by ProQuip Equipment of Gorham, N.H., Piston Bully and Bombardier support from Sunday River Resort and Gould Academy, transportation of equipment, snow and logs provided by DA Wilson Co., Cross Excavation, the Town of Bethel, and Savage Contracting and a lot of hard work provided by WinterFest volunteers Jim Bennett, Ed Bennett, Bob Westfall, Greg Warner, Allen Lowe and Jim Sysko. Additional thanks to the Bethel Water District for providing the water for the snowmaking.

The Bethel WinterFest is about showcasing all the fun winter activities that are right here in our backyard. Please come to the events, patronize our local businesses, and enjoy the remainder of the winter. We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful place where great, wholesome, family-oriented activities abound!

Robin Zinchuk

Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

REMEMBERING NELSON SMITH

To the Editor:

I was sad to learn of Nelson Smith's recent passing. I must have met him in the mid-1950s as a fifth-grader at Crescent Park School.

Later he is crouched down beside me in the front row of a large photo taken of our eighth-grade class in September 1957. He went on to Gould Academy with our class, but I think left during or at the end of our junior year.

I don't recall seeing him again until I came back to Bethel in the 1970s.

Since that time I often met him on the street or at the grocery store. He always had a smile for everyone and we often exchanged cordial greetings.

In 2007, I somehow was drafted to host our 45th Gould Reunion and we had a dinner event at the Dr. Moses Mason House Exhibit Hall. I tried to reach everyone who attended Gould with our class and was pleased that Nelson came to that event.

We all greatly enjoyed his company and I think he was pleased he chose to attend. It was an evening of colorful stories and humorous memories.

Now as planning goes on for our 50th reunion, I am eternally glad we had that time with Nelson, not knowing then that it would be his last.

Stan Howe

Bethel

PARADISE AWAKENED

To the Editor:

We apologize for awakening many folks near Paradise Hill with loud sounds the last few mornings, which started at day-break Monday and Tuesday.

Mother Nature is causing a pre-mature wind-up of forest-stand improvements on Paradise Hill. We may not be able to get all the wood out before a blue-stain fungus attacks some beautiful pine logs due to this rare early spring.

We don't want to cause ruts in your fields or woods, nor damage roads which are not frozen on warm afternoons. (Saturday will be the next day below freezing.)

We thank all the wonderful folks on the Hill between the estates of Ed Vachon and Ambassador Tibbetts for their support and compliments.

They've accommodated each other's wishes beautifully to restore great views for all.

The skilled team is Howard Field of Paris, alone cutting with his amazing machine, with processing by Donald Roakes and son Scott, of Bridgton.

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SMELTING AT THE 4-H CAMP

To the Editor:

As we surpass the middle of winter we begin to think about warmer days ahead, and that will bring the sure sign of spring Smelting season! Each year, hundreds of hearty anglers prepare to line the banks of their favorite tributary or shoreline in search of the delicious rainbow smelt, a small cold water fish that normally measures about 4 to 6 inches in length. Smelt travel in large schools as they prepare to spawn in the early spring. They mostly travel after dark and it seems the later the better for these fish. The "smelters" line the bank with large nets and their lantern, usually in a pair of rubber boots ready for the stream to "run black" meaning that the smelt have come into the tributary. Shoulder to shoulder, these night owls wait for their quarry, and once they reach their two-quart limit, they're done for the evening. Some nights can last a few hours, while some nights, a person can catch their limit in a matter of minutes!

This traditional sport has been enjoyed by generations and has been passed down to children and grandchildren, although numbers have declined in recent years. University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond has been the home to one of the area's most productive spots for smelting, and we are pleased to see the continued use of our property for such a unique and traditional activity. Our programs are based around outdoor recreation and conservation, and a large part of that education is Land Owner Relations. We not only have a chance to teach this through our programming, but we also role model this with our continued access to sportsmen and women. Bryant Pond 4-H has also had the privilege to take part in a stream restoration project in 2010-2011 that improved the stream-bed habitat of Stony Cottage Brook, adjacent our camp, providing a more adequate spawning ground.

This year, we will once again be asking land users to stop by the office to fill out the written permission slip allowing access, which gives us a chance to say hello, and to answer any questions they may have. Should a game warden check in, they will have the proper permission slip needed. We look forward to this season, as many people stop and say hello, and help with keeping our shores clean and safe.

We ask that vehicles be parked along Lakeside Drive, to prevent being locked inside the gate. We also want to remind people that alcohol and pets are not allowed on the property, and that all trash should be removed upon leaving. We will provide a barrel at the gate for your convenience. Should you have any questions you may call Ron Fournier at 665-2068. We look forward to another successful smelt season!

Ron Fournier

Assistant Program Director, Bryant Pond 4-H Camp

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUSES

To the Editor:

The Democratic Party caucuses will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26, at many locations throughout our region. The caucus is open to registered Democrats and we are looking forward to greeting our long-time supporters as well as new faces motivated by the opportunity to participate in the 2012 election. Those who are not registered to vote or unenrolled in a party who wish to participate must register in advance at their town office, or arrive at the caucus location 30 minutes ahead of the advertised time to do so. The business of the caucus will be presidential preference voting, election of delegates to the June state convention, and election of town and county Democratic committees. Additional activities will include remarks by candidates or their representatives, supporting candidates by signing nominating petitions or providing Maine Clean Elections qualifying contributions. There will also be collections of non-perishable items for local food pantries, and the opportunity to be entered in a drawing sponsored by the Maine Democratic Party to win two tickets to a reception in March with President Obama in Portland. The caucus is a great time to get together with other Democrats and to participate in a critical building block of our democracy.

A complete list of caucus locations and times is available at www.mainedems.org/caucus, or at www.oxforddems.org, or in our legal notice advertisement in the Feb. 22 issue of the Sun Journal. Those who do not have access to those sources of information may call me at 875-2116.

Cathy Newell

Oxford County Democrats Chairperson

LINCOLN DAY DINNER

To the Editor:

The Oxford County Republicans will hold their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Hebron Academy. Senate President and Candidate for Maine's 2nd US Congressional District Kevin Raye is the Keynote Speaker.

Social Hour will begin at 5:30 and Opening Remarks and Dinner will begin at 6:30. The program will include entertainment by Hebron Academy musicians and a silent and live auction. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$280.00 for a reserved table for eight. For reservations or for more information, contact Loretta Mikols at 875-2229 or republican@earthlink.net or log on to www.oxford-countygop.org.

Loretta Mikols

State Committeewoman, Oxford County

DAFFODIL DAYS

To the Editor:

It's Daffodil time again. Welcome spring this year in the form of flowers by supporting the 2012 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Campaign has begun. The daffodil is the flower of hope for cancer patients and their families. Purchasing daffodils for family, friends, neighbors, customers and employees can brighten their days and homes after this long winter.

Contributions received through the sale of daffodils help keep the Cancer Society's vital resources in place for those Maine communities who are or have been affected by cancer. By purchasing bouquets of these first flowers of spring, people in the Bethel area give hope and help to those who need it most.

This year, besides the bouquets (\$10 for 10 blooms), we have daffodil potted bulbs (3 multi-stem bulbs in each pot for \$15) and the new 2012 Boyd's Bear, "Shar N. Hope" with a bouquet (\$25). "Gifts of Hope" provide flowers anonymously to cancer patients in the area (donation minimum \$25). "Bear Hugs for Hope" which provide Daffodil Days bears anonymously to children impacted by cancer (\$25 minimum).

If you have any questions or would like to pre-order any of the items, call 824-3226. Pre-orders must be called in by March 2, 2012.

On Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23, volunteers will be selling Daffodil bouquets at the Bethel Foodliner. Welcome spring by stopping in and purchasing your daffodils for the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

Caroline V. Gould

Daffodil Days Chairperson for the Bethel area

Celladore

'How do you get water?'

While reading the "Times" one summer day, I noticed a list of suggestions for conserving water. I could hardly wait for B.B. to come home to read them to him. "Just listen to this: keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator instead of letting water run from the faucet until cold; heat the baby's bottle in a dish on the stove instead of holding it under the hot water faucet; etc., etc., etc." Can you imagine, with the whole Northeast a drought area, people not knowing such simple things?"

"Just another way to categorize society, those who take their bounty for granted and those who look to the future," he answered.

House guests arrived that day from the West Wind Road in Maryland, a romantic address. I had known Jane for years but had never been to her childhood home in Indiana. Holding a pitcher under the faucet while waiting for the water to run hot, I explained that our well was lower than usual; this was a way to conserve a bit. A quick smile came over her Myrna Loy face as she told me that she knew all about not wasting water; they had had a cistern at her home. Our visit augured well. Here were people who would not cause us any anxious moments, nor feel deprived themselves, another tiny thread in the growing strand of friendship.

My appreciation of water came from past experiences. In Middle Intervale we had a never-failing brook and two springs. The system had been put in with the water going first to the barn and the stable and then to the house. Sometimes, when lots of cattle and horses were being watered, we had none in the house until they finished drinking. This never happened when one wanted, but did not need, a midday drink, but when one was in the middle of a big laundry or preparing a meal. So we learned not to take water for granted. It was to be shared on bath nights also. We felt very luxurious with a forty-gallon copper tank heated by the kitchen stove. All summer Miss Fan sluiced us down in the set tubs in the laundry and in other seasons when we used the tub upstairs we never dreamed of filling it to the brim. One summer two elderly city spinster cousins came for a month. They took a bath every day which we children thought ridiculous as they never did anything to get dirty. Also they gave no thought to the amount of water used. Miss Fan never said anything but hot men coming in from the hayfield would grumble a bit, "I suppose the two queens have used up all the hot water."

Living in Wyoming was another world of water. It was hard, not soft. During the year we lived there, it rained once and for only twenty minutes, their annual rainfall maybe five inches to our Northeast twenty to thirty. I learned about waterholes and riparian rights. Most startling was the attitude of the people. The first snow fell, heavy, wet paste that smothered everything. Plowing through my daily rounds, everyone greeted me joyfully, "Isn't this wonderful?" Back East anyone but a skier would be grumbling of inconvenience, traffic snarls, shoveling driveways. Sensing that anything but an enthusiastic response would be unsuitable, I answered, "Splendid indeed!" When I met cosmopolitan Dr. Larson, I asked him why this snow was so wonderful. His usually somber face was transformed by a twinkle as he told me, "Wonderful if lots more of it came down; it needed to pile up in the mountains for the spring runoff to make good grazing for the cattle." I understood and had still another reason to admire westerners. Here were city people who realized that the backbone of their economy was cattle, cattle dependent upon grass, grass dependent upon water. Personal temporary nuisance was unimportant. Now I really was knowledgeable about water.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: For the first time in the school's history, the Telstar High school boys basketball team won a play-off game, beating previously undefeated Hyde 72-51 in Western Maine Class C quarterfinal action.

Hancock Lumber Company, Inc. held an open house for its new retail facility adjacent to the company's sawmill on Route 26 in Bethel.

The Newry Fire Department sponsored a thermal imaging camera demonstration at the Newry Town Office.

Death: Jane F. DerBoghosian.

20 years ago: Five pines that stood behind the Norseman Inn for a century and a half were cut down to make it safer for planes to fly into and out of Bethel's Col. Dyke Airport.

The Locke, Mills Union Church held their first annual Cherry Festival, raising more than \$400 for the church.

Nearly 500 children and parents enjoyed a concert by Rick Charette at Gould Academy's Bingham Hall.

Deaths: Virginia M. Cole, Katherine McGuire, Caleb L. Bean.

30 years ago: Nearly 50 skiers competed in the Stan Fox Cup Race sponsored by the Bethel Nordic Ski and Outing Club at the Sunday River Ski Touring Center.

Relatives and friends gathered in the West Bethel Union Church dining room to honor Arthur Gilbert on his retirement as Postmaster of West Bethel Post Office.

Telstar's Winter Carnival week featured contests, class skits, outdoor activities, and as a semi-formal dance. Carnival king and queen were Budha Palmer and Norma Aron.

Births: Charles Lester Johnson III, Matthew Lawrence Bennett.

Deaths: Mrs. Carrie (Netta) Cole, Edward Kenneth Stanley.

40 years ago: At the regular meeting of the Bethel Historical Society, Dr. John W. Trinward presented a brief history of the Bethel Savings Bank.

Winner of the SAD 44 spelling bee was Paula Mills of Bryant Pond; first runner-up was Marianne Cousins of Bethel.

50 years ago: Many in the area were confined to their homes with old fashioned measles.

Births: Jacqueline Ann Hinkley, Sharon Ann Allen.

Death: Miss Frances A. Hodgdon.

60 years ago: Sgt. Francis Berry and Pfc. Onell B. Saunders were participating in exercise "Snow Fall," a joint Army-Air Force winter maneuver at Camp Drum, N.Y.

Births: Wayne Edwin Howe, Betty Ann Gaugler.

Death: Mrs. Ethel C. Mills.

70 years ago: The 43rd Division moved from Camp Blanding, Fla., to Camp Shelby, Miss. Many men from this vicinity were attached to this division.

The warrant for the Bethel Town Meeting carried 48 articles.

Deaths: Mary Louise Chase, Ralph H. Chapman.

80 years ago: Miss Faye Sanborn was attending Designers Art School in Boston.

Deaths: Hon. Bertrand C. McIntire, Mrs. Ernest Brooks, Benjamin F. Elwell, Silas Stearns.

90 years ago: The Citizen of Feb. 23 carried this interesting item. "The first troop of Boy Scouts in Bethel was organized by Rev. J. H. Little in 1912. Troop I included in its list of members, Vivian Hutchins, Harry Young, Roger Sloane, Gordon Allen, Leslie Coburn, Elmer Bean, Earl Williamson, Alton Hutchinson, Charles Gorman, Homer Bartlett, Virgil Wright, Edward King, Jr., William Vandenkerckhoven, George Boyce and George G. Philbrook.

Death: Daniel A. Glines.

100 years ago: Wallace Clark moved into his home, recently purchased, on Mason Street.

Potato prices were going up on Bird Hill.

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Letters

I'M SORRY YOU DISAGREE

To the Editor:

My name is Jason Berry; I'm writing in response to many people's disgust at loggers working odd hours and making noise.

Have you ever heard the phrase "make hay while the sun shines"? Well, we are just the opposite. This time of year we have to work when it's cold. The coldest hours of the day are usually between 2 and 8 a.m. Making this the optimal time to get our machines in to harvest our crop. I agree things are not what they used to be. (A man and a chainsaw). When you need to wait until daylight to start.

Now we have these enormous machines that are more efficient and much safer. With that being said, we still have to pay for them.

The logging industry is one of Maine's oldest industries. It has put food on the table for many people in and around this area. It's continuing to do so but things come a little harder now. The price of wood is certainly not through the roof, so we cut more. The price of fuel, insurance, equipment all of these variables have something to do with how much we work. If it was up to me I probably wouldn't work 70-plus hours a week. But, that's the job and I wouldn't want to put food on our table any other way.

We are not a permanent fixture in any area. You might be able to hear us for a month or two and then we are gone. You will have your peace and quiet back. We are just hard-working people trying to make a living.

What about the farmer who spreads his fertilizer in the spring? That stinks for weeks! People complain and soon enough the smell is gone and forgotten about. The loggers in your little corner of the world will soon be gone as well. They may leave what you call an eye sore on the side of a mountain, but they will be gone. Nature will run its course and trees will come back.

The loggers that are cutting here may not be from this area, but they are still supporting our local economy. They use our stores, gas stations, restaurants, and in some cases hotels and inns. You live in the mountains of Maine logging is a fact of life.

Instead of complaining and thinking your rights are being violated maybe try stepping back, looking at the situation as a whole and see what these people are all about. I agree there are some bad apples out there. Loggers aren't trying to deprive you of sleep or ruin your landscape and trash your roads. We are workers doing a job someone asked us to do. Trying to provide a living for our families and do the best job we can. I think I speak for many logging crews when I say I am proud of what I do! I am proud of how I change the landscape for someone's benefit. I'm sorry you disagree.

Jason Berry
Bethel

GIRLS' BASKETBALL THANKS

To the Editor:

I want to just take a minute to thank the wonderful family, friends, staff, coaches, and players for making our first THS Basketball Shoot-A-Thon such a wonderful success for our players. Especially to Sean Caddigan for his brainstorm in organizing this event for the players. Whether you came in to count, rebound, cheer the kids on while they shot their 100 free throws, or took the time and generosity to donate to the cause from near and far, it is through your kindness and giving that our players were able to exceed their goals in fundraising. The girls made 495 out of 1,100 shots and were able to raise an amazing \$2,001.20 to put toward their efforts of purchasing new uniforms, warm-up shirts, and to attend summer team camp. The team will also be able to make an additional donation of \$155 to the Bethel Animal Hospital as a part of their community service focus.

We are truly thankful to live, work and play in such a supportive and generous set of communities in helping our program reach its goals. Thank you very much to the Bethel Citizen for their continued support in getting the word out and for helping us with our ongoing season coverage.

Coach Mark Kenney
and the THS Girls Basketball Team

BOYS' BASKETBALL THANKS

To the Editor:

The Telstar High School Boys' Basketball Team would like to take this time to thank all family, friends, and community members, for their generous donations and willingness to volunteer their time and effort, to make this year's Shoot-A-Thon a success.

Because of your contributions, we are able to fulfill our civic duties by donating half of the \$1,526.40 raised, to the Bethel Food Pantry, while the remaining funds will be used to purchase new basketballs.

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Again, we would like to thank all who participated in this year's Shoot-A-Thon, it wouldn't have been possible otherwise.

Sean Caddigan
and the players and coaches of THS Boys' Basketball

ARTS ADMINISTRATOR LEAVES

To the Editor:

Unfortunately circumstances have forced me to withdraw as the Norway Arts Festival visual arts administrator, on behalf of Western Maine Art Group.

My apologies for any inconvenience to the hundreds of exhibitors I have worked with over the last 5 years.

All inquiries for the 2012 Norway Arts Festival should be directed to current WMAG president Irina Kahn: 890-3649 or 739-6161; kahnir@yahoo.com or westernmaineartgroup@gmail.com. Maitto:westernmaineartgroup@gmail.com.

It has been a sincere please to work toward revitalization and the development of this wonderful event that my father founded 45 years ago.

Aranka Matolcsy
Norway

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA-252--a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on March 5, 2012, at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License and Entertainment Permit Renewals from The Bethel Commodore Corp. located at 21 Broad St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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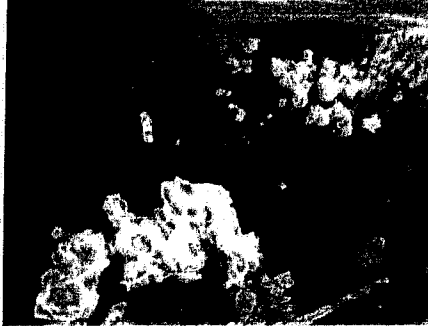
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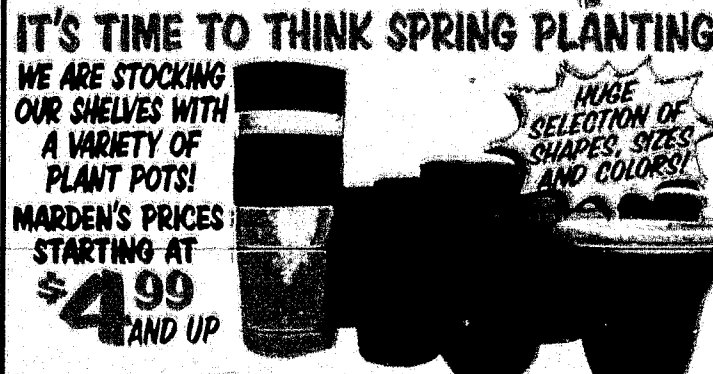
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Land

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Russell Hague, who taught high school English in New Jersey and who bought the farmhouse in 1929.

"Aunt Mary instilled in me a love for the homestead beginning in earlier childhood, hints on caring for it and desire to preserve it," Hague said. "She left it to my stewardship. My father and mother instilled a love of beauty — of landscapes of fields, forests and lakes flanked by the Mahoosuc Range. We hiked the mountains and woods together; I felt inspired by father's tones and by mother's capturing clouds and landscapes."

Hague's aunt and his father and brothers grew up in the parsonage of the South Bridgton Congregational Church where his grandfather was the minister.

While the siblings went away to school, Hague said they never forgot the Waterford/Bridgton area. His aunt came back in the 1920s and purchased the McWain farmstead and surrounding land. "I came and visited her in

the early 1930s and loved this place so much," Hague said. Eventually he bought his aunt's farm and as the years went on he purchased more acreage to protect the original farmhouse and existing land. He recently winterized a section of the house to live there year round.

Hague's love for the environment led him to a lifelong work in the public sector with the government in Washington and later in Maine as president of the Maine Congress of Lake Associations and through statewide stewardship and advocacy work for Maine lakes and watersheds.

Dassler said the protected property is primarily forested, but includes 18 acres of working fields and grassland habitat that may house rare or declining species of grassland birds, such as the Bobolink and Eastern meadowlark.

The forest on the property is described as mid-successional mixed growth with a variety of tree species, Dassler said.

The fields are managed by local farmer Jeff Springer at Prides Farm.

This was the fourth conservation easement that the trust since 1999, Dassler said. Their contributions total 460 acres in the Crooked River watershed, including a mile and a half of shoreline along the river and 1,500 feet of shoreline on McWain Pond.

According to information from Dassler, protection of the Crooked River's uppermost watershed is "critical to maintaining Class AA water quality in the Crooked River," which contributes 39 percent of the direct flow into Lake Sebago — drinking water for greater Portland's 200,000 people. The river is also home to a genetically unique landlocked Atlantic salmon fishery protected by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The Crooked River has also been designated as one of Maine's Outstanding Rivers, under state legislation.

Projects

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And they overwhelmingly do not."

An informal survey of owners along the route found only one — "at the top of the hill" — who wanted to connect, Doar said.

He also noted that under the USDA financing arrangement "the additional revenue won't pay the debt service."

Howe replied: "That essen-

tially killed it for me."

"On the other hand we need new customers," he said. "It's a terrible dilemma to be in."

With the Paradise Road project removed from the application, the town will be seeking an estimated \$650,000 in funding, to replace the 40-year-old Vernon Street pumping station and relocate the lines (which currently run to

Crescent Park) along Vernon Street, which will increase the station's pumping capacity.

Vernon Street itself, which is popular with walkers and cyclists, will be repaved from Main Street to Eden Land.

Doar said 70 percent of the costs would be in the form of a loan, and the remainder from a grant.

LURC

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take on their own planning by creating a comprehensive plan, ordinances and planning structure.

The proposed changes come in response to demands for more local control of the UTs and support for economic development there.

Opponents, however, worry that the decentralization would result in less protection for the UT's natural resources and give too much power to county commissioners.

Were Oxford County to opt out of LURC, Oxford County Administrator Scott Cole has

estimated the county would have to spend approximately \$150,000 to hire planning staff, and might also have to consider adding office space.

Panelists for the forum will include Cole; Sherman Small, district manager for NE Forestry Consultants; Bryan Wentzell, Maine Policy director and Northern Forest/Maine Woods advocate for the Appalachian Mountain Club; Robin Zinchuk, of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and a resident of Albany; and Samantha Horne-Olsen, LURC acting director.

The forum will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the THS lecture hall. The snow date is Feb. 28.

RSVPs are requested. Those interested in attending may contact Tanya Swain, Western Mountains Alliance, at (207) 778-3885 or tswain@westernmountainsalliance.org.

Note: State lawmakers heard testimony on the LURC issue last week in Augusta, and the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee plans a workshop today (Thursday).

WFD

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ed to put the money in the Fire Equipment Reserve Account for such purchases.

Because Selectman Ron Deegan was absent, the others decided to wait to decide how to proceed. If an article is proposed at the annual meeting, said Maxfield, the wording would ask for authorization to make the purchase when a truck was found.

Ordinance proposals

The town officials also briefly discussed a fireworks ordinance that will come up for a vote at next month's annual town meeting. The ordinance would ban the establishment of businesses to sell fireworks, but not the use.

The state fireworks law has stringent safety requirements for a building where a business would be located.

"I don't want the headache of looking out for that kind of building," said Inman.

As for people who want to buy fireworks, he said, "There'll be some (businesses) close enough."

Another ordinance residents will consider at town meeting will be a one-year moratorium on wind project development.

The proposal would give a committee tasked with crafting an ordinance governing such projects time to study the new Spruce Mountain

LLC project. The committee would then bring a new ordinance to the 2013 meeting.

Planning Board Chair Tom Hartford has prepared a building-occupancy permit for voters to consider. If approved, property owners completing home construction would sign the form to certify they have met all Woodstock building requirements.

A noise ordinance calling for "Quiet Zone" signs in Bryant Pond Village will also be considered.

A public hearing on the proposed ordinances will take place March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. The annual town meeting is March 28.

Newry

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reviewing the 12-year-old corridor management plan for the section of road that runs through Newry, Grafton and Upton.

The committee, which has met once, was also expected to consider whether or not to recommend extending the existing 14-mile scenic byway designation about 5 miles south to Newry Corner.

But concerned about more traffic and possible landowner impacts of that extension, selectmen declined to have the committee members from Newry continue their work.

Now some citizens want the board to reconsider its decision to opt out of the committee review process, according to Town Administrator Loreta Powers.

At Monday's selectboard

meeting, she said she expected the issue to be raised at town meeting.

Brooks Morton, who was a member of the review committee, asked if the question could be placed on the warrant.

The deadline for warrant articles has passed, Powers said. She said an informal discussion could take place at the conclusion of the business on the warrant.

Selectmen said that in order to learn more about the process, they were willing to meet in mid-March with the byways committee's facilitator, Dina Jackson of the Androscoggin Valley County of Governments.

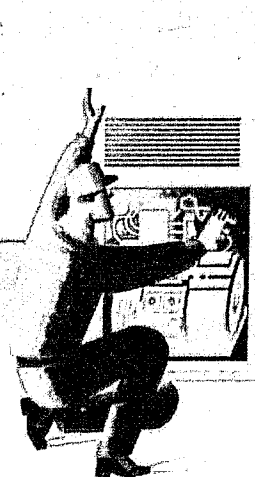
"It feels like we don't have the whole story," said Board Chair Jim Largess. "Maybe

they can tell us what the benefits are — what does the town get, and how do we protect the landowners? It's pretty clear the landowners are concerned about what it does to their property, and we respect that."

Selectman Wendy Hanscom also asked Powers to find out if Newry has the option to "de-designate" the 3.2 miles of byway that currently runs through the town, and have that answer in time for town meeting.

Powers said Wednesday that Jackson and state Byways Coordinator Fred Michaud will attend the March 19 selectmen's meeting, and that Jackson believes there is a process for de-designation of a byway. She will research it further for March 19, said Powers.

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Tuesday, Feb. 14

At 7:34 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the East Bethel Road for a welfare check. The subject was fine.

At 8:37 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Railroad Street for a gas driveoff.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

At 2:41 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis responded to the West Bethel Road for a welfare check. The subject was taken to the hospital.

At 2:55 p.m. Deputy Dani Welch responded to the East Bethel Road for a report a subject had received a bill from a company they had never done business with.

Thursday, Feb. 16

At 10:16 a.m. a caller on Mason Street reported someone had thrown cans at him from a moving vehicle. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

Friday, Feb. 17

At 7:47 a.m. on Route 2 Deputy Dani Welch ran a three-hour traffic detail.

At 8:48 a.m. on Mayville Road Cpl. Chancey Libby and Deputy Josh Wyman arrested Bryan Driscoll for operating after suspension.

At 10:50 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Homestead Lane for a report someone had spray painted propane tanks.

At 5:11 p.m. a caller requested information on protection from abuse orders and what constitutes a violation. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

Saturday, Feb. 18

At 8:15 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the Mayville Road for an accident with minor personal injuries.

At 8:28 p.m. a caller reported an assault at River Valley Acres. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned. On arrival the complainant no longer wanted to cooperate, and the other subject was gone.

At 9:25 p.m. a caller on Route 232 reported shots fired nearby, but they had stopped. Deputy Matt Noyes said the sound may have been fireworks.

Sunday, Feb. 19

At 12:08 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco conducted a three-hour traffic detail on Mayville Road.

At 12:12 p.m. a caller reported a traffic violation on Route 26. Sgt. Tim Ontengco located the vehicle and issued a warning.

Monday, Feb. 20

At 7:10 a.m. a caller requested a check on a subject hitchhiking on Route 26. The subject could not be located.

At 12:09 p.m. a caller on Main Street asked to speak to an officer regarding someone trying to gain access to his residence. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 5:14 p.m. on Walkers Mills Road Deputy George Cayer arrested Travis J. Profit, 18, of Scarborough for operating after suspension and possession of marijuana.

At 7:15 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and Willie Nelson responded to Vernon Street for an unwanted subject. It proved to be a custody issue.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



WinterFest 2012 is this weekend, Feb. 24-25, with activities scheduled in Bethel and the surrounding area. Friday events include sledding on the snow mountain at Festival Park on Cross Street in Bethel and the Third Annual Rail Jam from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mt. Abram (not on Main Street as in the past).

The Rail Jam is free to spectators. Saturday events at Festival Park include free snowshoe demonstrations and a scavenger hunt sponsored by TrueNorth Adventureware and Tubbs Snowshoes from 10 to 3 p.m.

Greenstock Snowsports Snowmobile Club is giving free snow groomer rides from 10 to 4 p.m. at the corner of Main and Cross streets. A full calendar of WinterFest events is listed at www.bethelwinterfest.com. WinterFest winds up with a special fire and volcano eruption at the sledding hill at Festival Park on Saturday evening at 6 p.m.

Despite the recent warm temperatures and lack of new snow, there is still excellent snowshoeing in the area. I snowshoed in Maggie's Nature Park in Greenwood on Sunday and found the trails firmly packed with only a few bare spots near the top of the park.

The trails were icy in a few areas. If you haven't hiked the park, this is an excellent time of year for your first visit. There are beautiful views of the ponds and surrounding hills. From the top of the Ring Hill Trail you can see skiers on Mt. Abram's trails. Maggie's Loop Trail has a view of ice cascades on a nearby ledge.

Please remember the 2012 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Campaign. For the next week, volunteers are taking orders for daffodil bouquets and bulbs, which will be delivered in March. The contributions raised from the sale of daffodils help the society provide services to

people fighting cancer and for cancer research. Pre-orders for daffodils are due by March 2. If you have questions or want to order daffodils, please call 824-3226.

Local area churches are joining together for a series of weekly Lenten lunches, which will be held on Fridays from 12 to 1 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street in Bethel.

Each week a different church will prepare the soup luncheon, which will be followed by a brief time for reflection. In lieu of payment for lunch, participants are asked to make a donation to the Bethel Food Pantry. The public is invited to attend. The lunches will be held on Feb. 24 and March 9, 16, 23, and 30. For more information, call the church office, 824-2689, or Rev. Ginger Rickeman, 824-0550.

If you have news you would like to share, please call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



It has been another quiet week here in East Bethel. It is always fun chatting with folks when I try to gather

news. I am also pleased when I get calls either with news, comments or questions. One caller told me that as a young lad he was shown that cow passage up on Swan Hill by the mason who built it. Another caller was wondering if everyone in the neighborhood experienced those split-second power outages a couple of weeks ago. Coming to find out it ruined her freezer part of the refrigerator.

Talking about electricity, I heard that CMP has started to install the smart meters in our area. Opinions vary on this subject and I'd love to hear from you about it. So, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@

megalink.net.

In the course of my phone calls I realized that some are experiencing cabin fever, yet what helps is watching the birds with the pet dog as company. Arlene Harrington, on the other hand, though she is still staying put, has used the spring-like weather to go out on the crest twice so far.

Now it is time for another Trivia question: Who made the road from Bean's Corner to E.V. Blake's and when was it supposed to be completed? Have a great week.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



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robberies in the area are becoming more numerous. A few years ago when there were break-ins and thefts, Hanover citizens formed a Neighborhood Watch group. That organization is still available to folks who feel it could be helpful.

According to the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library newsletter recently posted on the new library bulletin board at the Hanover Town Office, there are new books at the library. These include "The Adventures of Tin Tin" by Ales Irvin; "Sticks and Stones - Kat Deluca Mysteries" by AJ Larson; "Football for Dummies" by Howie Long; "Inheritance" by Christopher Paolini; "I Smell a Pop Quiz" by Lincoln Peirce; "Invention of Hugo Cabret" by Brian Seiznick and "Maine" by Courtney Sullivan. Recently Dorrie Casey and Archie Purcell made a \$50 donation in memory of Michael Richard who lived in Mexico. Donating books were Peter and Karen Jannace. The donations of bottles and cans have slowed considerably this winter probably due to icy conditions. They are still eagerly accepted. The Bees continue to meet Tuesday 1 to 3 p.m. The library is open Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Remember to pick up your home baked beans each Saturday. Recent Feel-Good projects from the Snow and Ice Angels were chopping the ice on the walkway, helping with snack mats, baking scones for the book bakery, making window draft stoppers, donating beans for the Saturday bean sales.

Oops! A few of us forgot to go to the Town Office and license our dogs before the end of January. Now a \$25 late fee will be added to the regular fee. After the first of March the Animal Control Officer will be visiting and the consequences could be much more costly. Congratulations to Hanover area resident Sara Miller. Sara was sworn in as a Game Warden. She successfully completed the hiring process and 18 weeks of Basic Law

Enforcement Training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro. She will be further trained for special skills.

Starting with Presidents Day last Monday this has been school vacation week. There seem to be more people around enjoying the outdoor activities.

We have all heard stories this winter of death and injuries caused by people traveling onto the ice. Believe it! Just watch the Androscoggin River and the ice changes every day. Where it was safe to go yesterday may be dangerous today. Even Howard Pond is showing signs of ice rot. Please be safe.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



School vacation this week. It seems good to get a break and have time to catch up on lots of things.

Maybe even time to just relax. The other day Mr. Cardinal was up in the top of the tree and singing just as loud as he could. Mary Tyler said that she has seen both Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal at her house. When I was talking to Lisa Farrar Fox the other day, she had mentioned that she also had a pair of cardinals at her house.

My brother, Steve, McLain, was talking to his son, Brad McLain, recently and Brad mentioned that he had seen quite a few Bald Eagles while hauling wood through the Thirteen Mile Woods.

Major Stephen J. McLain, III, who is stationed in Stravenger, Norway, made a trip to Swaziland, Africa from Feb. 1 through the 14th. He went as a private citizen, not as a member of an army unit. The seven-person team consisted of five Americans and two Norwegians. They traveled through London, UK and Johannesburg, South Africa. While there, they were busy delivering food to families that lived in rural areas. While in Mbabane, Swaziland, they spent three days building



Major Stephen J. McLain, III with some of the children at a preschool in Manzini, Swaziland, Africa. He went as part of a private seven-person team made up of five Americans and two Norwegians. They delivered food to families in rural areas, built a playground at a local school, and met with local leaders to discuss the future needs of their area. (More information in the Gilead column.)

a playground at a local school. They also had a chance to meet with local leaders and discuss some of the future needs of their area. At one point in their trip they got to visit the Swaziland National Council of the Arts and Culture. Major McLain is the son of Steve and Lise McLain and a 1989 graduate of Telstar Regional High School in Bethel.

Steve and Lise McLain attended the Senior Citizen Luncheon at Gould Academy's Ordway Hall last Monday. After the luncheon they attended the memorial service for Nelson O. Smith at the Bethel Alliance Church.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent last Saturday night at our house. She is always such a nice guest. This time she decided that she wanted to blow up the air mattress and sleep in the living room instead of in her nice bed in her room.

Dan and Luella Cole received word from Texas that their grandson, Robert, had just received his orange belt in Tae Kwon Do. The orange belt is for the third level. He also advanced a rank in Cub Scouts

to become a Tiger Scout. Robert and his mother, Kelly Cole, live in Texas and keep Dan and Luella updated on what he has been up to lately. Luella also mentioned that they saw a Bald Eagle right beside the road near the Chip Plant on Route 2 in Shelburne, N.H. Gilead Historical Society

Last Sunday, some members of the GHS had a meeting with a descendant of the Peabody family that settled Peabody's Patent (later Gilead) in 1772. Mary Tyler, president of the GHS, Hugh Chapman, curator and Lin Chapman, secretary, met with Wayne and Lesley Peabody of Denmark, Maine. Mr. Peabody had an extensive collection of information on the Peabody family that goes back to the beginning of when his ancestors came to this country from England. He was hoping to fill in some gaps with the information that the GHS might have. Mary has been doing a lot of research on the Peabody family. They both ended up with information to share. Wayne and Lesley are now new members of the GHS and are hoping to be able to attend Friends and Family Day next June. Mr. Peabody does aerial photography (Green Parrot Aerials) and has done some flying around this area. Now that he has established

more of a connection with Gilead, he plans to visit more often.

Democratic Caucus

The Gilead Democratic caucus will be held at Telstar on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 4 p.m. in conjunction with other area towns. This is open to all registered Democrats, although those not registered to vote may do so at Telstar 30 minutes prior to the caucus. Voters who are unenrolled may enroll as Democrats at that time.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



A very quiet Sunday afternoon here at KD acres. Nice to have the sunshine help to warm up the house. The cats are asleep on the bed and all is well. Still not much news from the area; I did get the following piece of information.

Albany has had a road name change recently. The Davis Road which is a camp road at Songo Pond off the Baker Road shares the same zipcode as the Davis Road in Bethel.

The road in Bethel is the one by the airport that the Bethel town garage is on. Delivery trucks were being sent to Albany by their GPS units instead of Bethel. The concern was possible confusion in an emergency that might send first responders to the wrong location. After Baker Road resident David Keniston contacted 911 address coordinator at Oxford County the Davis Road has been changed to the Earl Davis Road. Earl was a long-time mail carrier for Albany and camp and land owner on Songo Pond.

I spent Thursday night with Doug, Jen and Bella. Friday evening we attended a birthday celebration for my great nephew, Devon Cole-Mason. We had a great time visiting and watching him open his gifts. He was very excited about his tickets to a Red Sox game and lots of money! Devon turned 10 years old. How time flies.

The longer days are a sure sign that spring is on its way. About three weeks and time will change. I believe it is on March 11. Have a good week everyone and enjoy this vacation all you students; and parents. I know I welcome the break. Until next week enjoy every minute, as time goes by so quickly.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Don't forget the Snow Valley Sno-Gro's Family Fun Day on Saturday, the 25th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse, off Route 5 and on ITS 82. Bring your sleds, toboggans, snowboards and slide the "big hill" groomed smooth with the club's Tucker trail groomer. A free lunch will be offered to all attending hot dogs, chips, drink and cookies. Moms, dads, and grandparents are invited to join in the fun.

A group of former teachers from the Andover Elementary School have combined forces in support of our local school and are inviting community members and students to submit an essay on their favorite school memory.

Participants may submit their entries in one of three ways: in written form to John and Carol Emery (392-3161), dictated on cassette or to a committee member in person/over the phone, or via the Internet to Roger and Barb Sabin at rbsabin@yahoo.com. The contest runs from February through May 18, 2012. Adults and Junior and Senior high school students are asked to donate an entry fee in an amount between \$5 and \$10.

There is no entry fee for elementary students. Judging will be by former teachers and based on the writer's creativity and sincerity. Prizes of \$100 will be awarded in three age categories: 5-12 years, 12-19 years, 20 years and up. The committee hopes to compile entries into a book of Andover School memories to be sold as a fundraiser for the ongoing support of the elementary school.

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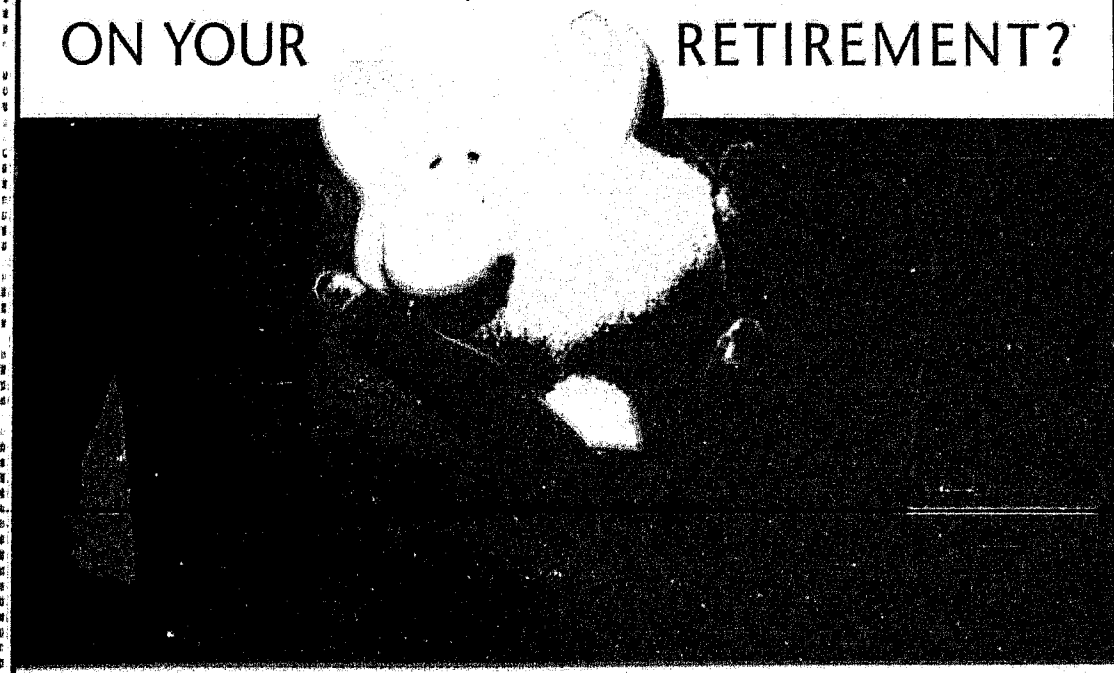
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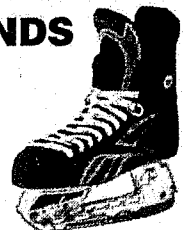
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This past Saturday people were streaming in and out of the Christian Education Building kitchen in pursuit of Andover's best cooks' baked goods. Thanks to all who baked and purchased and especially to the Possibilities Group for chairing this event and to Dennis at the Roxbury Pond Store for his support.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, Cancer Awareness Day at the Maine State House of Representatives, I had the privilege of attending the Democratic Caucus prior to the session and delivered the opening invocation. Thanks to the invitations of Reps. Sheryl Briggs and Matt Peterson.

Annual Town Meeting will be March 17. There are contests for the position of Selectman and School Board Member. Seeking the Selectman's position are Judy Tabb and Kim Gautreau-Pearce. Next week I will have profiles of these candidates as well as those seeking seats on the Board of School Directors.

The Andover Democratic Caucus will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the regional caucus at Mountain Valley High School beginning at 1 p.m.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Carol and Charlie entertained about twenty friends and family members Friday at their sliding party. Carol said they had plenty of food and that everyone had fun.

The pizza party hosted by the Ladies Aid was a great success. The pizza and the desserts were delicious. Thank-you ladies. The Ladies Aid Association have their meetings Fridays 10 a.m. at Leslie's home.

The Upton Historical Society will meet this Sunday, Feb. 26, 1 p.m. in the Upton House. Some of the topics on the agenda will be the upcoming Upton Fun Day events, potential partnering with the other organizations in town to sponsor a parade again this year, and our part of helping with spring cleanup of the historic home of Louise Dickinson Rich.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m. in the Upton House. It has become my task to write the club

news for the Maine Snowmobile magazine. I confess that I couldn't come up with any topics for next month's publication. By the time the magazine comes out, the ride-in/cookout at Chabot's camp will be over, so it is too late to write of that, and everyone already knows all about the lack of snow. I will try to do better next month.

Andre and Flossie Bernier came to Upton Saturday and stayed in their camp for the night. They rode their snowmobiles, visited with Penny and I, Laurie and Bob, and John and Georgia. They also had breakfast with us Sunday at the Ladies Aid.

It was a busy weekend for us. Friday, John and Georgia, and Penny and I went to Errol at the Hawg Trawl for dinner. The haddock was excellent, one of the better restaurant dinners I've had. Saturday, John, Andre and Flossie, Larry and Elsie, and I went for a nice 65-mile snowmobile ride. After that, Penny and I enjoyed pizza at the Ladies Aid and then we went to the Harrison V.F.W. to dance to the music of the Rocking Roadrunners. We arrived home after 1 Sunday morning. Sunday we went to breakfast and then mostly relaxed the remainder of the day.

The selectmen's next meeting is March 6 in the town office.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, Feb. 24, 6:30 in the town office.

Deborah Judkins is being treated for a severe ear infection. She has been to the E.R. and to see her doctor multiple times. Get well soon, cousin.

If you are weary of reading the news of me and mine, send me the news of you and yours. Contact me by calling 533-2010 or e-mail me at backst-joe@gmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



There has not been much snow to plow this winter and that has saved some overtime hours for the highway department, but we have used a lot more salt than normal due to ice. Winter is always expensive no matter what kind of winter it is.

Here is the latest update on Edwin The Special Needs Dog. It appears he is getting even more of his hearing back. Recently, Edwin was sound asleep on the couch when the florist knocked on his owners' door. Not only did Edwin hear the knock well

enough to wake him up, he slithered (he can't jump) off the couch and ran to the door barking. That means that he has recovered a significant functional level of hearing and can now hone in on where the sound is coming from. Maybe he is on his way to becoming Edwin The Guard Dog.

It was a multi-generational Chocolate Festival for many folks last week. I ran into Cubby and Denise Swan who were attending while their granddaughter Naomi Ellsworth, a THS senior, staffed the festival. Naomi's mother, Melanie, was one of the adults helping. THS seniors both cooked for and then staffed the event. Great job to benefit Project Graduation.

Despite a very low snow year, winter activities abound. Our local cross-country ski centers, Bethel Nordic at the Bethel Inn and Carter's Cross Country on the Intervale Road, have done an amazing job with grooming. It feels like I'm skiing on a couple feet of snow. Snowmobile trails are well groomed with only a bit of rock peeking through once in a while. (I hear through the grapevine it is great in Rangeley). On a bit of a different activity, several of us went dog sledding at Mahoosuc Guide Service in Newry this past week. What a great time that was!

A World Day of Prayer will be held at the Locke Mills Church on Friday, March 2. All are welcome. For more information, you can contact Martha Martin mem747@oxfordnetworks.net

The Bethel WinterFest is this weekend with a variety of events scheduled. And, this is when we get to see what happens when the "snow volcano" is torched. Eruption or flood? You can send me news at 3tachi6@gmail.com.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



A beautiful afternoon lots of bright sunshine and temps up to 45 degrees. The days are getting longer and I'm so looking forward to spring.

Condolences are going out to the families of Heidi M. Kanes, Laura Hall, Shelley E. Sampson and Nathaneal B. Thibodeau. Our love and prayers to each family member on the loss of their loved

ones.

We drove to Corinna last Monday to visit with friends Ginger Mae Dyer and Danny. Ginger is recovering from a viral infection and pneumonia, she looks so much better this week than last week; her color was good and she seemed much stronger and she was sitting up in bed. Danny made a delicious chop suey for lunch and then he served up some of his homemade cookies. An hour later we decided to be on our way to visit my brother, Jim Palmer and his wife (my sister) Donna who lives about four and a half miles further up the road. It was a great sunny day for a 218-mile round trip and we so enjoyed our time spent with those we love.

Belated birthday wishes are going out to April Paine.

Thanks to my hubby (Yogi) for taking my car to town and getting it serviced for me today, it was over by 1,000 miles.

The band entertained for the residents at Ledgewood Living Center this past week. It's always a joy seeing the residents tap their feet and sing along with our music.

On our way home from the city Thursday morning we stopped to visit with friends George and Brenda De Witt. George is still recovering from lung cancer. He is doing much better but still gets tired easily. We are so looking forward to George returning to play with the band later this summer.

Crocuses are up and some are blooming due to the warm weather and no snow.

Hopefully we will see an early spring and the construction workers and flaggers can get back to work. Jobs are still scarce in most areas, hoping the economy will pick up soon, as folks are real anxious to get back to work.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay well, enjoy each day.

Quote for the week: "By being yourself, you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before."

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



February is almost over and still we have almost spring-like weather. That is just fine by me. At this point, cold and snow are almost anticlimactic. Keep the

spring coming please! The birds are back in droves, even heard a woodpecker yesterday drilling on a tree. Of course, it sounded more like he was drilling through ice, but still, keep that rat-a-tat-tat coming.

Has anyone out there returned a fridge through that new state program? I am encouraging David to do so, but so far he is reluctant to do so. We don't need a new one, we just have an extra one.

Thursday, the 23rd, ACA will meet at the Waterford Library. All are welcome to stop by and talk. The meeting is from 10 to 11 a.m. FMI call 739-9115.

Thursday is also a Community Supper at the Wilkins House. Bring a dish to share. FMI call 583-6677.

This being the 4th Monday, the bridge group will meet at the Waterford Library from 6:30 p.m. Beginning and experienced players welcomed. A partner is guaranteed. FMI call 583-2729.

That is all for this week. I am off to Tai Chi and then a family trip to Windham. Exciting?

Have a great week and watch out for more young people loose on the streets.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6, and prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 6:30. The ladies will travel to the Portland Flower Show on Saturday, March 10. See Beth Hoover if interested. April 13 and 14 is New England Ladies Conference at Victory Baptist Church in Londonderry, N.H. See Paula Jones if interested. The week of April 22 through 25 the Church will host Dr. Ron Caudill for revival services.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Feb. 13. Elsie Bonney served as guide. The Charter was draped in memory of Past National President of the DUVCW Patricia Mullen and Past National President of the Ladies of GAR Nancy Conway. Elsie Bonney reported she attended the selectmen's meeting and on names

she already has for the new monument. Calls made were 19. Sally Sawyer received the mystery package. Vicky Myers read about 150 years ago on this date Gen. Grant attacked the Confederate Army and won that battle. Next meeting is March 12 at Alice's. We will discuss the Senior Citizen dinner at our next meeting and also about ordering flags.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at Ledgewood Living Center on Thursday, March 1. Meeting starts at 11:30, dinner by Ledgewood and program by Rickard Felt with music.

The Historical Society Museum has many tools and small collectibles upstairs. There is also a small art gallery featuring both original oils and good prints, most of which Curator Larry Billings has donated over the years. The Society Museum also has many letters from political figures displayed behind the president's desk. Several came from Larry as they were written to him. The Historical Society will meet again in March at the Town Conference Room.

The Woodstock Extension Group met at the Town Conference Room on Wednesday, Feb. 15. The History of the American Flag and history of corn were discussed. A tasting party was held. Next meeting is March 21.

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



(Last week's column) Taking a glance at my bizarre week last week we were a bit busy on the funny farm as I might add we started off the week with the twins' basketball game which was not a victory but a great battle.

The Woodstock Wolves played hard and the CPS gave them a great game. The Woodstock PTA put on, as always, a wonderful Valentine's Dance for the community and the kids had a blast! Emma won a cake on the cake walk and Silvan also won a prize on the freeze dance. I had a great time being in

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involved with every event. The kids just adore my personality and I'm proud to say I have tons of elementary friends who look up to me! Kids rule. I suggest being your child's friend as well as their parent; it just goes hand and hand. My oldest son, Morgan, went to his first semi-formal dance with his girlfriend at Oxford Hills on Friday. It was a truly great experience!

I had the honor of assisting this date on getting ready and we captured some great photos along the way. They enjoyed showing each other off that night!

Sunday we went over to a friend's house to help her with a few household problems and help hang up her trophies on the wall. We had a great time and enjoyed lending a helping hand.

I'm ecstatic to announce the latest law posted on raw milk. Finally we the people are earning back some of our freedom of choice rights. We can now sell raw milk at farm stands, as you the people can choose wholesome goodness over chemicals without a penalty to the farmer for not pasteurizing the milk and taking out the nutrition in it! Such a victory! Therefore if you choose to drink raw milk the Inch by Inch Farm in Greenwood will offer you both goats' and cows' milk at a reasonable cost; just stop by, put your order in and we will be sure to fill your jug! The goats' milk will be a little short till April when kidding season will begin. However we always have whole and skim Jersey milk upon request along with butter, eggs, meat and grain for all your farm needs.

Stop by today and check out the newest arrival, a baby bull only days old!

If you have read the latest paper, then you are aware of the article on the town of Greenwood's sound ordinance where they want to pass a law permitting anyone to start loud machinery during the quiet times. Mean-

ing they want to control when and how long a logging company can work. As of now this particular work crew works a shift of 12 hours from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and that seems to irritate some surrounding neighbors. They want to push a law that they can only start at 7 a.m. I am totally against this bill and you can expect my husband and I along with others to attend and reject such ridiculous complaints. Logging is a way of life and has been for many years. Delaying the project to a later hour will reflect on many wallets and result in the crew staying in the area longer.

My husband was such a sweetheart to me for Valentine's Day! He showered me with gifts and gave me sweetheart notes as we once exchanged in our teen years. It was such a great thought and I have won his trust in me which means the world to me. We have seen many valentines together and it seems we just get stronger with the coming of each one.

My thought for the week is: Love is the condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



More Wild Weasel.

In the days before we flew our first training mission, the instructors talked about some of the things we new "Bears" would be experiencing.

One of them was air sickness! They told us to expect to get air sick on our first few flights in the back seat of the Thuds. They recommended that we take some kind of air sickness bag besides our helmet bags. Apparently one of my predecessors had spent an evening at the bar before flying the next day.

As they were making a simulated attack on a practice mis-

sile site, the pilot asked the back seater, "What have you got on your scope back there?" The answer, "Caesar's salad!" On the day of my first flight, I forgot this advice.

Sam and I did our walk-around inspection and climbed up the ladders and carefully got into the ejection seat, making sure that the seat safety pin was still installed so that the seat wouldn't blast me through the canopy. I checked that my parachute straps were tightly fastened, fastened the seat belt and plugged in my oxygen hose and intercom cord.

Once plugged in I could hear Sam breathing and verbally going through his engine start checklist. Our instructors had also told us we would be on "hot milk" in the Thud; that is, we didn't have to click a switch or button to talk to each other. Every breath we breathed or syllable we uttered would be heard by the "other guy," another new experience for me.

Soon, the engine began to whine as the ground start machine pumped air through the hose connected to the engine starting the engine turbine rotating.

Then, there was a sort of "whuff," sound as the fuel ignited and the engine whine increased in pitch and loudness. The F-105 engine intakes are just outside the cockpit on either side, and the whine is really loud, even with our flight helmets on. Our canopies stayed open as we taxied to the end of the runway unless it was either raining or really cold outside as we enjoyed the fresh air.

I turned on my electronic equipment and ran the operational tests as we taxied. As we pulled into the engine run-up area just off the end of the runway, the end of runway crew chief plugged his intercom wire into the receptacle in the forward wheel well area and pushed a wheel chock in front of the forward landing wheel. He spoke to the pilot and confirmed that everything looked good; then he asked if he was

clear to pull the safety pins. At this point both pilot and bear were to hold both hands high on the canopy glass to indicate that nobody was touching any switches that might jettison an external fuel tank, bomb or missile that might be jettisoned or accidentally fired as the ground crew pulled the pins with red stream that armed the circuits to those appendages.

After the ground crew finished arming the aircraft and gave the high sign, Sam told me to close my canopy and pull the ejection seat safety pin.

Once cleared by the control tower, we taxied slowly into position; Sam locked the brakes, advanced the throttle to 100 percent power, the aircraft vibrating with anticipation. He nodded his head, released the brakes and as the aircraft started to roll forward, flipped the throttle to the left, igniting the afterburner with a loud "boom!" I felt a noticeable push from behind as the "ab" nearly doubled the thrust of the engine and the aircraft began to surge forward at a faster rate. I checked my watch to make note of our takeoff time and began watching the airspeed indicator slowly begin to pick up speed.

As our pre-computed decision time (called "S-1"), I called, "S-1 - now." We both checked the airspeed to insure that we had achieved "S-1 airspeed," indicating that the engine was producing the proper thrust; this meant that we should make takeoff speed by the time we reached the takeoff end of the runway. If we were significantly below the pre-computed S-1 speed, it was time to abort the takeoff because we were not going to make it. I am happy to report that this never happened to Sam and I.

Now, the F-105 is a very heavy aircraft, and it has itty bitty wings swept back at a 45-degree angle, so it has to be going really fast (around 195 knots, well in excess of 200 mph) to get off the ground.

At around 175 knots, the pilot raises the nose of the aircraft 10 degrees up and holds that attitude until the landing gear lifts off the runway, hopefully before passing the end of the overrun.

I think I saw the 1,000 feet of remaining runway marker go by with our aircraft still on the ground on every takeoff in the F-105. The end of the overrun approaches very quickly at 195 knots! I always gave a little sigh of relief when I felt the aircraft lift off!

We were soon at cruising altitude at around 12,000 feet and headed for Hawthorne, Nevada where there was a simulated SA-2 target tracking radar for us to practice on. It was in a valley surrounded by small mountains and big hills, good terrain to practice our cat and mouse hunter-killer tactics.

As I was twiddling my radar receiving equipment, Sam demonstrated fighter aircraft terrain following procedures; that is you duck down to a few hundred feet above the ground, pull the nose up to clear hills or mountains, and roll inverted as you go over the top so you can see what lies on the other side before you follow contours down the back side.

Every time I glanced outside, taking my eyes off my scopes, the horizon seemed to be anywhere but level, sometimes even upside down!

A few minutes of this, and I reached for my helmet bag and filled it with my breakfast! Other than that, it was a really interesting and fun ride.

Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo at BI

Anglers anxiously awaiting the snow melt, ice out and the opening of fishing season, can learn the latest fishing techniques and visit with guides,

sporting camps and a variety of angling exhibitors at the first Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo to be held Saturday, March 24, at the Bethel Inn Conference Center in Bethel. The Expo runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is sponsored by The Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for youth 15 and under.

Exhibitors include Maine and New Hampshire outfitters and guide services; sporting camps, wildlife artists and authors, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the University of Maine 4-H Camp, and boat and gear manufacturers. Attendees can learn the art of fly tying, rod building and wildlife photography.

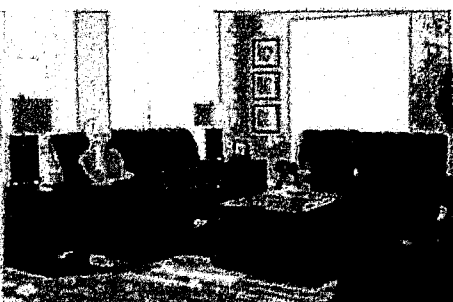
There will be educational seminars on ecology and entomology as well as instruction in strategies and techniques in fishing for trout, salmon and bass. HMH Vises is sponsoring a fly tying contest.

Sponsors and exhibiting vendors are giving away dozens of door prizes every hour. Proceeds from an auction of items including guided trips, sporting camp vacations and fly fishing gear will go toward fishing habitat restoration projects and river access in the Western Maine region.

Says Scott Stone, president of the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance and TU member, "We're really blessed to be able to fish in this area of Western Maine which provides the perfect environment for catching trout. We hope that anglers of all ages and abilities will attend and leave with a greater understanding of the sport and lots of fishing goodies too."

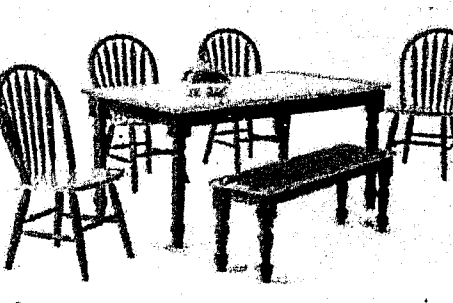
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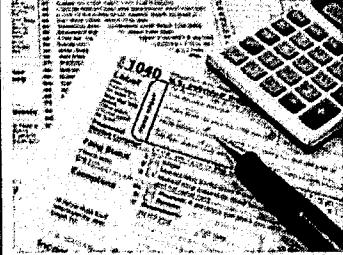
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

3:30-7:00pm -- WinterFest Kick-off Party!
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres! Drink Specials! Sponsored by Twenty2 Vodka and held at 22 Broad Street, Bethel. Fire & Ice – outside the restaurant, torches will light up an ice sculpture – a martini ice luge! Your martini will be ice cold! All ages welcome. Dinner reservations accepted following the party by calling 207.824.3496.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10am to dark -- Enjoy sliding on the WinterFest Sledding Hill on Festival Plaza. Bring your own vinyl sleds. Children must be supervised by an adult.

5:15pm -- Dogsledding Trips at The Bethel Inn Resort! Experience the "power of the paws" right here in the Bethel Village with the professional team from New England Dogsledding. ½ hour experience starting at 5:15pm. \$90 per sled, (325 lb. limit--up to 2 people per sled.) Call The Bethel Inn Resort at 207-824-2175 x 0 to reserve your spot!

6:00 - 9:00pm -- WinterFest Rail Jam at Mt. Abram Ski Resort! Free spectator event -- come and check out some local talent and other featured skiers and riders for an open format rail competition. www.mtabram.com

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10am-5pm -- Enjoy sliding on the WinterFest Sledding Hill on Festival Plaza. Bring your own vinyl sleds. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

10:00am - 2:00pm -- Scenic airplane rides out of Bethel Airport provided by Acadian Seaplanes. www.acadianseaplanes.com \$35 per person for a 10 minute ride. See the beautiful Bethel area from the air!

10:00am - 3:00pm -- FREE Snowshoe Demonstration and Scavenger Hunt on Festival Plaza, compliments of True North Adventureware and

Tubbs Snowshoes, who will be there ready to provide snowshoes and have a fun course to navigate. Find out why snowshoeing is one of the fastest growing winter activities. 207-824-2201.
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10:00am - 4:00pm -- Antique Snowmobile exhibit adjacent to the sledding hill at Festival Plaza.

10:00am - 3:00pm -- 25th Annual Joy of Skiing at the Sunday River Outdoor Center is a dining adventure for a good cause. Perfect for cross-country skiers and snowshoers of all levels, the Joy of Skiing offers designated dining locations along the trails with traditional food favorites, including freshly-made donuts served trailside and hot Sunday River Brewing Co. soup at the covered bridge, s'mores at the firepit, and more! Each hour between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. a different dining station along the trail will open. Pre-register for \$6 or pay \$7 at the door. Kids 6-12 and seniors 65+ pay \$4; kids 5 and under and those 80+ participate for free, in addition to the normal trail and rental fees. Proceeds benefit the American Lung Association of Maine. FMI: SundayRiverOutdoorCenter at 207-824-5700.

10:00am-2:00pm -- Carter's XC Ski Center has several activities today, plus reduced prices for Nordic skiers. - Scavenger Hunt on skis or snow shoes: Collect items from a list, turn them in, and be entered in a prize drawing. Adult ticket only \$12 / Kid ticket only \$8. 6 and under are free. Rentals: Adult \$12 / Kid \$8. - 2 for 1! Two children can ski for the price of one with one paying adult. - \$10 ski lesson at 1:00pm. 786 Intervale Road, Bethel. 207-824-3880. www.cartersxcski.com

1:00pm -- David Gilpatrick & Sandy Fitch Memorial Races at Mt. Abram Ski Resort. These races honor long time Mt. Abram ski patrollers and friends. \$10 Entry Fee. Prizes awarded at Annual Auction at 5pm, or buy your place on the Liar's Cup! skiclub@skimtabram.com This is a benefit for the Maine Cancer Foundation.

4:00-5:00pm -- Mt. Abram Box Sled Fun Race. Make your own box to use as your descent down the hill. Helmets required and no wood use please! No entry fee, just show up with your creation for a chance to win a Mt. Abram gift card for fastest run, best in show, and people's choice. 4:00 registration, 4:30 event action! www.mtabram.com

6:00pm -- Special effects fire & ice volcano eruption on Festival Plaza at the Sledding Hill.

5:00 - 7:30pm -- Horse-drawn Sleigh Rides at The Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad St., Bethel, Maine. ½ hour rides. Admission: Adults - \$15, Children 12 & under - \$12. Reservations recommended. FMI: 207-824-2175 ext. 0. www.bethelinn.com

5:00-8:00 pm -- Mt. Abram Ski Club Charity Auction. Loose Boots Lounge is the host locale for Mt. Abram's Ski Club auction. 5pm is the kick-off for this wonderful event! www.mtabram.com

7:00pm -- Wine Dinner at the Peak featuring French wines. Fine dining at 2,100 ft. Ride the Chondola to North Peak. Complimentary champagne, passed hors d'oeuvres, an exquisite 4 course dinner, each course accompanied with a glass of wine, and live musical entertainment. A one-of-a-kind fine dining experience. One seating at 7pm. \$85 per person. Reservations required: 207-824-5076. www.sundayriver.com

7:00pm -- Black Diamond Entertainment presents: Rainforest Reptile Show at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel at Sunday River Ski Resort. This dynamic show includes alligators, turtles, and snakes from the neo-tropical rain forest to the sub-tropical rain forest of the world. A hands-on and educational experience that allows for direct contact with live animals. Herpetologists will give you every fact and dispel your misconceptions about the rainforest and the reptiles that live in them. www.sundayriver.com

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In order to operate its facilities and to offer high-quality exhibits, programs and publications on a continued basis, the society depends on income from a variety of sources, not the least of which are membership dues, museum admission fees and donations, and Museum Shop sales. To supplement those sources of revenue, the society regularly applies for grants to carry out special projects and to sponsor special purchases. As a highly active non-profit organization, the society also depends on the generosity of foundations and granting agencies to provide unrestricted funds to cover some of its annual operating expenses. In the former area, the society has recently received grants from the William Bingham Foundation, the Betterment Fund and The Bingham Trust for the research, writing and publication of a formal and comprehensive biography of William Bingham II (1879-1955); from the Davis Family Foundation for facilities upgrades in both the Dr. Moses Mason House and the O'Neil Robinson House; and from Franklin Savings Bank for the purchase of metal shelv-

ing for the second floor collections workroom at the Robinson House. In 2011, supporters of the society's "Annual Fund" - which supplies just over 30 percent of the society's operating income - were joined by the Sunday River Charitable Fund and Margaret E. Burnham Charitable Trust, both of which provided grants to help sustain the society's operations. In these difficult economic times, it goes without saying that grants are a vital and much appreciated component of the Bethel Historical Society's annual fundraising activities - as they have been over the society's nearly half-century of existence as one of northern New England's leading historical organizations.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency. With over 1,000 members, the society fosters a sense of place - with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region - by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars.

New books in the Waterford Library

Fiction: "An Available Man" by Hilma Wolitzer; "Believing The Lie" by Elizabeth George; "Breakdown" by Sara Paretsky; "Cell 8" by Anders Roslund; "Death Comes to Pemberley" by P.D. James; "Defending Jacob" by William Landay; "The Fear Index" by Robert Harris; "Girl Reading: A Novel" by Katie Ward; "Home Front" by Kristin Hannah; "How It All Began" by Penelope Lively; "The Hunter" by John Lescroart; "The Invisible Ones" by Stef Penney; "Looked On" by Tom Clancy; "Love and Shame and Love" by Peter Orner; "A Nice Place to Die" by Jane McLoughlin; "The Odds" by Stewart O'Nan; "Queen of America" by Luis Albert Urrea; "Salvage the Bones" by Jesmyn Ward.

Books for children: "The Artist Who Painted a Horse Blue" by Eric Carle; "A Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories" by Dr. Seuss; "If You Give a Dog a Donut" by Laura Numeroff; "Learning to Ski With Mr. Magee" by Chris Van Dusen; "Man in the Moon" by William Joyce;

"Mouse and Lion" by Rand Burkert; "Three by the Sea" by Mini Grey.

Books for teens: "Anyas Ghost" by Brosgol; "Between Shades of Gray" by Ruta Sepetys; "Breadcrumbs" by Anne Urser; "Chime" by Franny Billingsley; "The Chronicles of Harris Burdick" by Chris Van Allsburg; "Daughter of Smoke and Bones" by Laini Taylor; "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever" by Jeff Kinney; "The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman" by Meg Wolitzer; "Flip" by Martyn Bedford; "Lies and Po" by Lauren Oliver; "R: My Name is Rachel" by Patricia R. Giff; "The Scorpion Races" by Maggie Stiefvater; "The Unwanted" by Lisa McMann; "Witch and Wizard: The Fire" by James Patterson; "Why We Broke Up" by Daniel Handler.

Prime Time Ski Club

The weather outside is frightful, a little snow would be so delightful, so if there's no place to go, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW. Ghessh. Mom Nature, enough already with the spring skiing. We appreciate you keeping our heating bills down, but it's winter. We need a little snow pack for both skiing and water levels later on. A little help please.

Sunday River continues to amaze considering we've only seen about a foot of snow this entire calendar year.

The mountain has about 100 trails open and continues to provide snowmaking when and where it's needed. The groomers are doing a great job of keeping the snow moved to where we need it and stealing it from where we don't.

Primetime has nothing planned during President's week and many have taken their off-ski vacation. While some members may be on the mountain, 10 a.m. meetings will not be held.

Next up for members is a wine tasting event next Wednesday and a Snow Coach trip next Friday.

The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over.

They meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily ski groups based on ability, terrain, and social aspects.

Info at www.primetimeski-club.com.

Church Services

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. FMI: 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor.

Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high

school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

Church of the White Cloud Outreach Healing Ministries-Mail Blessings Study Course; phone requests prayerline. Missionet Paula Ewing 824-2782. Jesus is a Friend.

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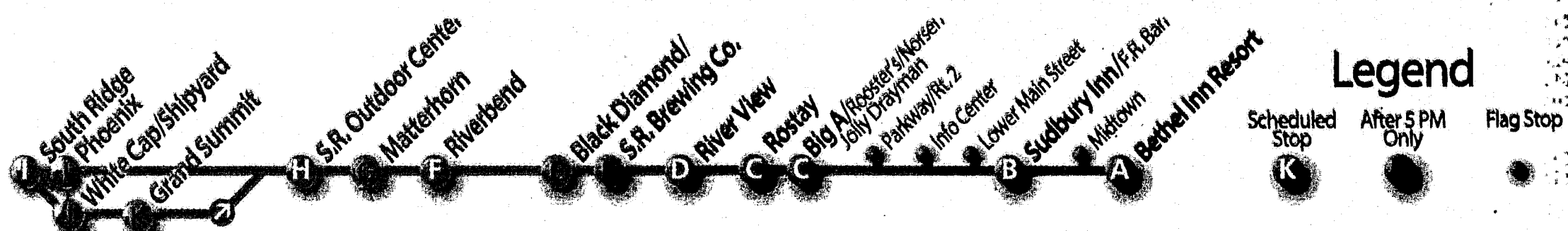
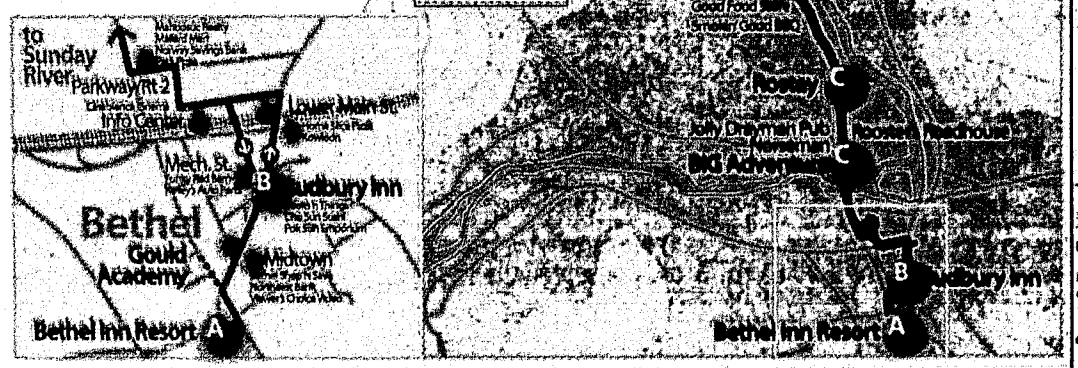
Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

Mountain Explorer Timetable

Winter 2011-2012

Mountain Explorer passengers have access to the free Sunday River shuttle services going to Barker Lodge, Grand Summit Hotel or Jordan Hotel.

Mountain Explorer passengers wishing to use the free Sunday River Shuttle service will need to transfer at the South Ridge Base Lodge.



Bethel to Sunday River

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Future Transit Service to Mt. Abram Ski Resort
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Honor roll

Telstar Regional High and Middle School
The following students have been named to Telstar Regional High School honor roll for the second quarter of the 2011-2012 school year.

Grade 6
Honors: Benjamin Alford, Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Marta Opie, Maddox Ormiston, Ana Rossow.
Honors: Sarah, Bartlett, Jarrett Bean, Skylar Bouchard, Erin Childs, Selena Cintron, Aliah Connolly, Russell Cushman, Sonja Farrington, Caroline Finley, Duncan Forbes, Madison Fowles, Elizabeth Gibson, Elayna Harrison, Kylee Martin, Taylor Mason, Savannah Merrill, Makayla Rice, Maria Rodriguez, Blake Rothwell, Courtney Skillin, Jillian Thielbar, Tiffany Waterhouse, Krystamarie Welch.

Grade 7
Honors: Matthew Bennett, Kaitlyn Brown, Kimberly Drew, Joshua Eliot, Schuyler Leff, Wynter Morin, Marcus Wentworth.
Honors: Zoe Bean, Margarite Bergeron, Caitlyn Casey, Mallory Corriveau, Cyerna Cox, Luke Davis, Avry Griffin, Kristi Hanscom, Elijah Laird, Luke Mason, Elizabeth Mitchell, India Orino, Chasity Pike, Donald Sieb, Souix-Ann Tuttle.

Grade 8
Honors: Brooke Beckerman, Jacob Bennett, Chase Harkins, Rebecca Howard, Cassidy Smith, Brendon Stearns.
Honors: Rachel Barton, Carla Boyle-Wight, Shylyn Buckman, Caleb Currier, Dharna Damon, Jillian DeLallo, Lisa Gammon, Megan Goodrich, Anastasia Harren, Ani Inman, Tarin McLaughlin, Mariah Millett, Octavia Morin, Jessica Myers, Haley Peterson, Emily Philbrick, Madison Prentice, Cameron Rothwell, Ashley Savage, Andrew Siegel.

Amber Souve, Blair Stevens, Savannah Vermette.

Grade 9
Honors: Matthew Barton, Tomas Bouknight, Michael Cintron, Anne Cushman, Liam Gallagher, Tyra Howes, McCaella Prentice, Aaron Speakman, Anna Tyrina, Gregory Wheeler, Travis Wheeler, Zachary Wheeler.

Grade 10
Honors: Kathryn Coolidge, Samantha Corriveau, Maisey Griffin, Samantha Mallory, Autum Morin, Alexandra Risko.

Grade 11
Honors: Kevin Annis, Carlee Beatson, Althea Jean Cary, Colton Davis, Richard James, Kailey Kennagh, Kurt Mason, Brianna Santos, Rachel Wheeler.

Grade 12
Honors: Britany Douglass, Adam Mahar.
Honors: Emily Bellinger, Kallie Brown, Naomi Ellsworth, Natasha Farnum, Adam Literak, Mary Mason, Lyndsay Merrill, Susan Newkirk, Kyle Peterson, Hunter Verrill, Daniel Whitney.

Deans list

Emmanuel College
Britney N. Merrill of Bethel was named to the dean's list at Emmanuel College, Boston, for the fall 2011 semester.

Southern Maine Community College
Local students attaining dean's list standing for fall term 2011 at Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) in South Portland are: Charli McGrew of Bethel, Whitney Arnold and Alisha Smith of Lovell, Christie Buotte of North Waterford.

State University of New York
Marian Hotopp of Bethel was recently named to the dean's list at The State University of New York in Potsdam, N.Y. Her major is Music Education.

Tufts University
Martin Donovan of Bethel, a member of the Tufts University Class of 2012, was named to the dean's list at for Fall 2011 semester.

Norwich University
Joel Sweetser of Bryant Pond was recognized on the dean's list at Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., for fall semester 2011.

School Lunch

Week of Feb. 27

SAD 44 Elementary Schools

Monday: Popcorn chicken, rice pilaf, orange glazed carrots, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Tuesday: South of the Border Taco w/seasoned rice and corn, or quick pic: yogurt, soft wheat pretzel, cheese stick, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Wednesday: Bosco Sticks w/dipping sauce, dessert, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Thursday: Lasagna w/wheat roll or BBQ Rib/bun, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Friday: Hamburger/wheat bun, pasta salad, Dr. Seuss birthday cake, or Sunbutter and fluff sandwich.
Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).

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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Class C Boys playoff games, Feb. 14: Sacopee Valley 52, Telstar 31. Telstar high scorers: Danny Whitney 9, Dom Haines 9.

High School Boys' Cross-country Skiing

Class C State Championships at Black Mt., Feb. 20- Winning time: 12:58.6. 76 racers. Telstar racers: 4. Adam Mahar 13:57.2; 28. Ben Lewis 16:17.8; 30. James Piccirillo 16:26.8; 37. Matthew Keane 17:24.8; 48. Casey Kellner 18:04.2; 74. Liam Gallagher 23:35.0.

TMS' Cross-country Skiing

Class A State Championships, Feb. 15-18- The Telstar Middle School Nordic and Alpine ski teams participated in the class A Ski Championships this past weekend posting many individual and team accomplishments.
The concluding race in the championships for nordic was the classic event. On Feb. 15, both the girls' and boys' teams competed in the first event of the championships with the freestyle race. Skiing for the girls Carla Boyle-Wight led the way for the Rebel Girls with 8th place followed by Aliah Connolly with an amazing 14th place finish. Livy Clarke, a fifth grader at CPS got 25th and Marta Opie a close 26th. Livy's time was 14:44.1 and Marta's time was 14:44.2. Mia Shifrin, another fifth grader at CPS capered 46th and Kaitlyn Brown came in 49th. There were a total of 74 racers competing. The girls team came in third place in the classic race with 12 teams competing. Great job Rebel girls.
Skiing for the boys Andrew Siegel led the way all season scoring first for the team, with a third place finish behind a second place finisher from Mararanacook and a former teammate Caleb Clarke from Gould, scoring first place. Following Andrew was Marcus Wentworth, a seventh grader capturing a well-deserved 6th place. Brendon Sterns snagged 18th place with Schuyler Leff nabbing 22nd place. Donny Seib had 43rd, Sam Weafer had 56th, Ben Alford got 56th and Gaele-Boyle-Wight captured 71st. The boys team scored second place in the classic event with 13 teams competing.
Combined with the great job of the girls' and boys' alpine teams, Telstar Middle School Boys' combined ski teams scored (silver) second place overall beating all competitors except their yearly rivals Farmington Area Ski Team (FAST).
The combined alpine and Nordic girls ski team won (gold) first place overall beating all teams present at both the alpine and nordic events.
In addition to these result the Telstar Middle School Ski Teams had but a single ski meister this year, Brendon Sterns. A ski meister is an individual that practices and competes in both alpine and Nordic events. Brendon Sterns took the top honors for all ski meisters, winning gold (first place). Great job Brendon, representing yourself and your school with pride and excellence. This concludes the ski season for the middle school. Great job athletes.
Thanks to all the help from all those who were involved in any small or big way. Coach Steve Keane

Mt. Valley Rec Basketball

Laid Back Installers are now 9-1 and showing why they are still the elite of the Mountain Valley Rec League, as they trounced J&G Ballers (3-7), 100-61. Mt. Abram (8-2) maintained their slim second-place status with a 77-57 victory over Archies (0-10). The Bethel Bobcats (7-3) stayed in third place outlasting a stubborn Jay (3-7) team. In the finale of the day, LBI got off to a 13-2 lead and ran at will. They are rolling on all cylinders and placed 6 players in double figures. John Benjamin and Scot New scored 18 points each, while Craig Milledge and James Whirley (back from disabled list) were next with 13. Tyler Chaisson had 12 and Eric Canwell 10. J&G's Glen Dubois and Jamie Downs had 11 each for their club. In the first game, Mt. Abram was slowed by Archies and managed to extend their lead in the second half while Archies lost their energy, Mt. Abram got 27 points from Matt Newell, J.T. Taylor 19 and Travis Knapp 16. Archies' Mike Leclair had a big game with 22 points, Mike Holmquist 13 and Jessie Cross 10. In between these two games Bethel Bobcats let Jay stay in the game until the end, pulling away in the last 5 minutes. Bethel had 5 players in double figures led by T.J. Savage with 18, Matt Zetts and Sean Caddigan had 15 each, Ryan Savage 14 and Ryan Kimball 11. Jay's points leader Chris Baxter had 27 points and Josh Gray 19. On Sunday, Feb. 26, Bethel is hosted by J&G at 10 a.m. At 11:30, Mt. Abram tries to take over first place against LBI. In the last tilt, Jay and Archies are matched at 1 p.m.

Community Calendar

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

Moore Park Art Show (July 28), Route 26, South Paris - accepting applications from artists and artisans, food vendors and community groups. FMI: call 890-8399, or visit www.MooreParkArtShow.org or e-mail mooreparkart@gmail.com. www.mwv.org.

Thursdays thru April 19

6 p.m. - **Potluck Supper,** Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford.

Wednesdays thru March 31

9 to 10 a.m. - **Stretch, Strength, and Balance** at Personal Best Health Club, 141 Western Avenue, South Paris. Cost: \$40/ person, scholarships available. Registration required. FMI/ register: (866) 609-5183.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25

Bethel WinterFest, enjoy snow mountain for sledding, snowshoeing, snow groom rides, 3rd Annual Rail Jam at Mt. Abram Ski Resort, and much more. FMI visit www.bethelwinterfest.com

Preparing for Birth class, Friday 6 to 8:30 p.m./Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Harper Conference Room, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Fee: \$35 (usually covered by insurance). FMI/ Register 743-1562 Ext. 6951.

Feb. 24, March 9, 16, 23, 30

Noon to 1 p.m. - **Community Lenten Lunch Series,** West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. All invited. Soup lunch will be followed by a time of reflection. Theme: "Songs of Faith." In lieu of payment for lunch, participants asked to make donation to the Bethel Food Pantry. For further information call church office, 824-2689 or Rev. Ginger Rickeman, 824-0550.

Saturday, Feb. 25

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Family Fun Day** by Snow Valley Sno-Goers at club house, off Route 5 and on ITS 82, Andover. Bring your sleds, toboggans, snowboards and slide the "big hill". Free lunch offered. Moms, dads, grands welcome too. FMI snomocook@roadrunner.com

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **"Stand Up and be Counted Day"** for Maine Veterans at VFW, DAV, American Legion Posts from Caribou to Kennebunk to Rumford and Lewiston will open their doors with forms and assistance to help veterans sign up for medical, educational, disability benefits and more. FMI or location near event: call Jerry (207) 576-0376. Forms also available www.va.gov.

10 to 3 p.m. - **25th Annual Joy of Skiing,** Sunday River Ski Resort and American Lung Association of Maine host progressive picnic on skis and snowshoes at Sunday River Outdoor Center. Cost: \$6 advance/ \$7 day of event in addition to trail pass/ages 6 through 12 \$4/ ages 5 and under free. FMI: 824-5700 or www.sundayriver.com.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Rainforest Reptile Show, Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 18 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under and adults 80 and older free.

Sunday Feb. 26

Free Skiing at Mt. Abram for Greenwood school-age

residents on Sundays. Program includes lessons and equipment if needed. Sign up at the Greenwood Town Office. Sign-ups are limited and are on a first come, first served basis.

2 p.m. - **The Cabin Fever Follies,** presentation by St. Kieran Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H., at Medallion Opera House/Gorham Town Hall. Variety of local and guest performers. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 students. FMI: (603) 752-1028.

Oxford County Democratic Caucuses: 3 p.m. Town of West Paris at Town Office; 4 p.m. towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Hanover, Gilead, Albany, Newry, Upton, Lincoln and Magalloway at Telstar Regional High School, Bethel. FMI: www.mainedems.org/caucus/

Monday, Feb. 27

6:30 p.m. - Bridge Group meets at Waterford Library. No partner necessary. FMI: 583-2729

Tuesday, Feb. 28

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"Songs in the Key of Life"** presentation by Leslie Anne Chaffield, MS, MDiv, at Mill Hill Inn, Bethel, a program of the Down Home Maine Series, Western Mountains Senior College. Free, open to public, donations accepted to offset WMSC expenses. Google Western Mountains Senior College to reach the website.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Michael Miclon - Comedy on Purpose at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under free.

Wednesday, Feb. 29

4 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden Winter Lecture Series** presents Tom York of York's Hardy Rhododendrons, Bath, to discuss rhododendrons and azaleas hardy for cold Maine gardens. FMI: www.mclaughlingarden.org

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Wednesdays, Feb. 29 thru April 4

4 to 6 p.m. - **School Gardening 101, A Garden Primer,** sponsored by UMaine Cooperative Extension at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. No charge. Pre-registration required: call Extension office (743-6329) or e-mail Lesley Quick at lesley.quick@maine.edu

Thursday, March 1

11:30 a.m. - **Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens** dinner/ meeting at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Program by Richard Felt with music.

7 p.m. - **Comedy of Errors** broadcast live at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy campus. Tickets: \$18 adults/ \$15 seniors (65+) / \$10 students may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org or box office (935-9232). Parking free.

Free Ski Night at Black Mountain. FMI: 364-8977.

Friday, March 2

6 p.m. - **Potluck Dinner** for Tres Dias members/friends, Andover Congregational Church. Good food, lots of singing, worship w/Pastor Jane Rich. FMI: Shirley York 369-0575 or Sharon Hutchins 392-4351.

7:30 p.m. - **Ronnie Earl and the Broadcasters** perform at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy campus. Tickets: \$20 adults/ \$15 seniors (65+) / \$10 students may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org or box office (935-9232). Parking free.

Saturday, March 3

8:30 to 10 a.m. - **Infant CPR** class at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. \$10 / pp with pre-registration/ payment required. FMI/ register: 743-1562 Ext. 6951.

9 a.m. - **State Line Snowmobile Club** meeting at Upton House.

Oxford County Republicans' Lincoln Day Dinner, Hebron Academy LePage Center for Arts, 339 Paris Road, Hebron. 5:30 Cash Bar and Hors d'Oeuvres; 6:30 dinner, evening program, live auction, entertainment by Hebron Academy Musicians. Cost: \$35 per person (\$280 table for 8). FMI/ tickets: RSVP 875-2229 or republican@earthlink.net. 7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Wild American Encounter (typical animals - alligator, armadillo, skunk, kingsnake, etc., at Grand Summit Hotel, North and South Ballroom, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under free.

Monday, March 5

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe,** Waterford Library. Forum: Cooperativism: An Alternative to Capitalism? with Ed Somers moderator. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Monday, March 5 and Tuesday, April 3

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. p.m. - **Portland Symphony Orchestra Kinderkonzert Series** (for children 3 to 7) but all welcome, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy campus. Tickets: \$4 pp may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org or box office (935-9232). Parking free.

Wednesday, March 7

4 p.m. - **Worm Biz** by Brett Thompson at McLaughlin Garden, Main Street, South Paris. Free and open to public. FMI: 743-8820.

Saturdays, March 10, April 14

Inside Yard Sales, South Paris American Legion Post 72. To reserve a table call Jean Britton at 739-2236.

Wednesday, March 14

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** potluck dinner/meeting at Bethel Methodist Church. Members to bring dish to share. Donation: \$3. An auction will be held for which members will bring items.

Thursday, March 15

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Learning About Reiki and Self-Care** at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street) Norway. Learn relaxing and balancing practice of Reiki. Free. Registration required. FMI/ registration: 744-6196.

Saturdays, March 17, April 21

9 to 12 a.m. - **Bake Sale** for Albany Congregational Church Scholarship Fund will be held at Bethel Foodliner.

Sunday, March 18

7:30 to 11 a.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet** served by Rotary Club of Bethel at Ordway Dining Hall, Gould Academy. Tickets: \$8 adults and \$3 for 12 and younger; advance \$7 from Club members, River View Resort, Rostay Inn, Dream Realty and Mt. Mann Jewelers. Proceeds benefit Club's community projects and scholarships.

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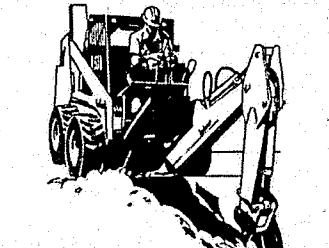
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by Helene Hovanec

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WHAT ROCK GROUP HAS FOUR MEN THAT DON'T SING?

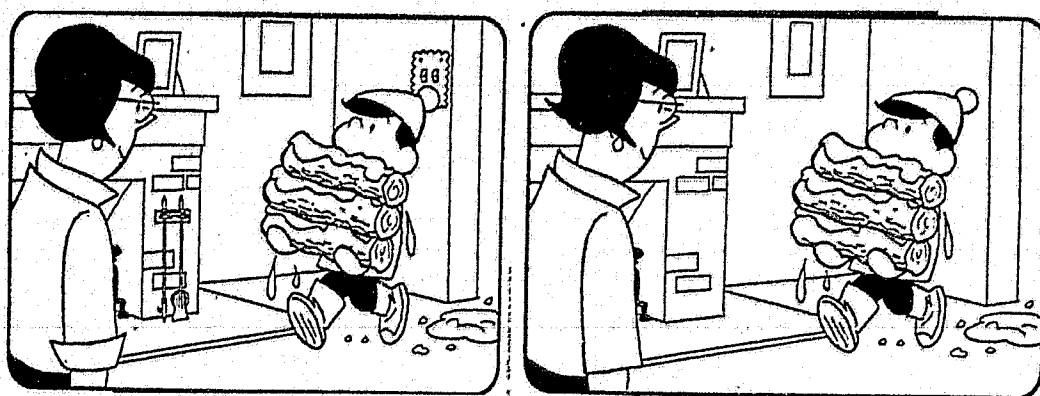
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HOCUS - FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



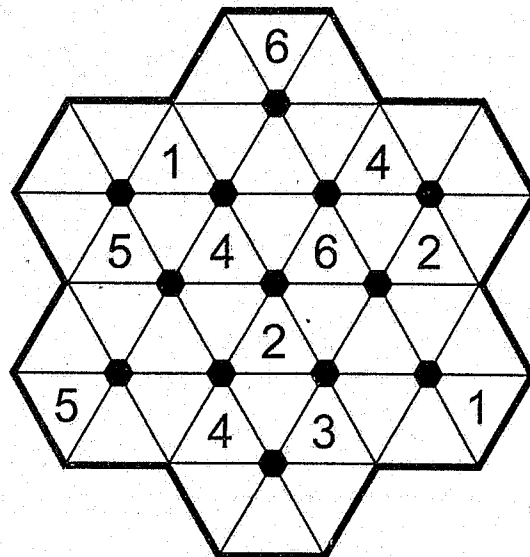
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

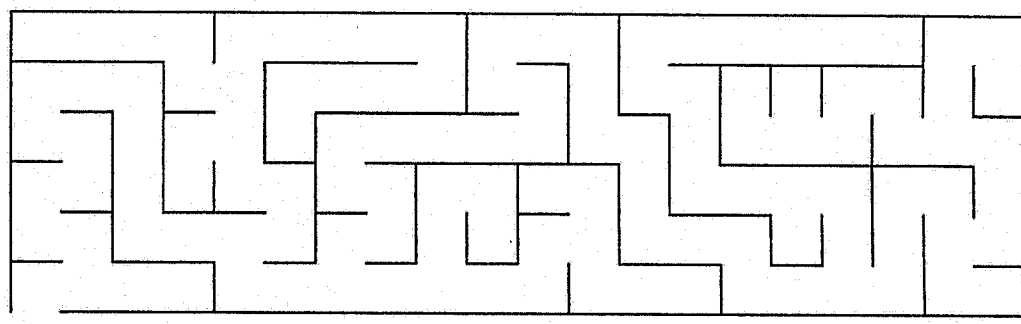
There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Kids' Maze

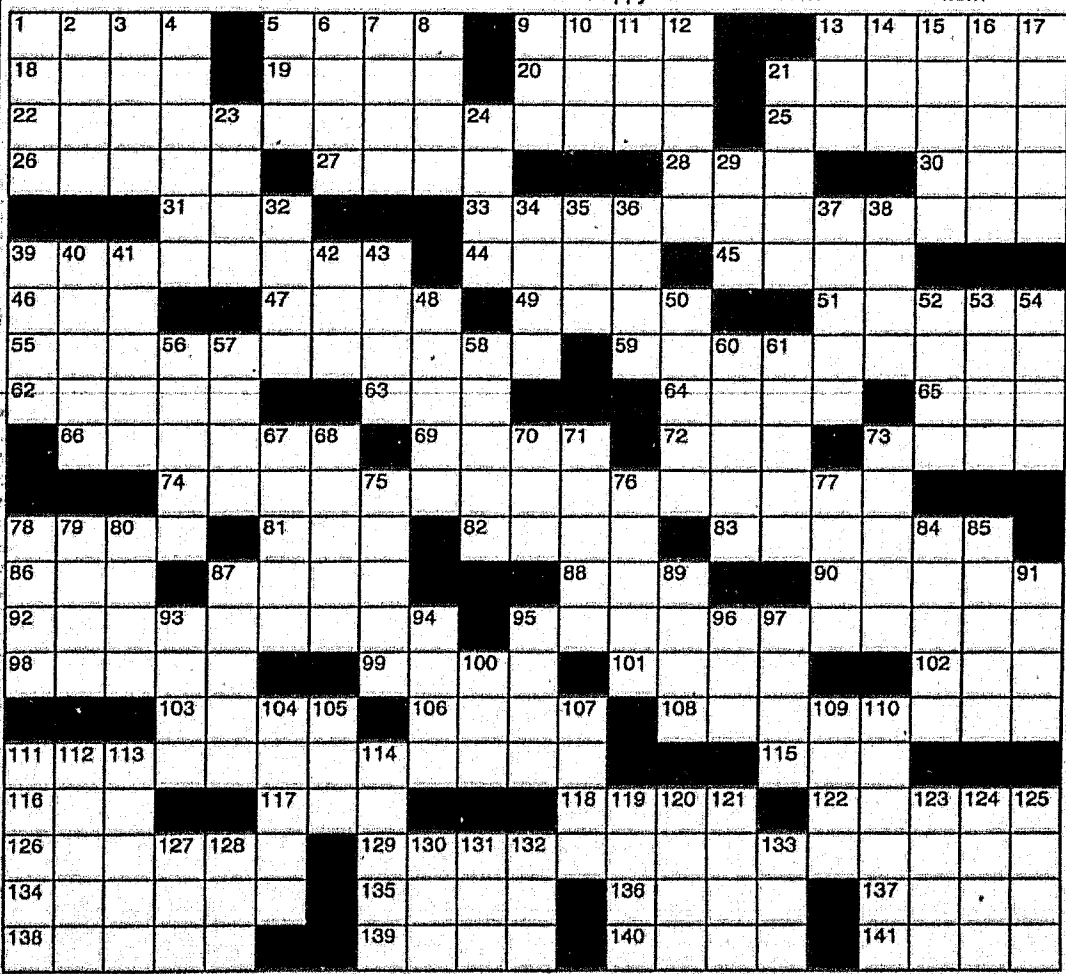


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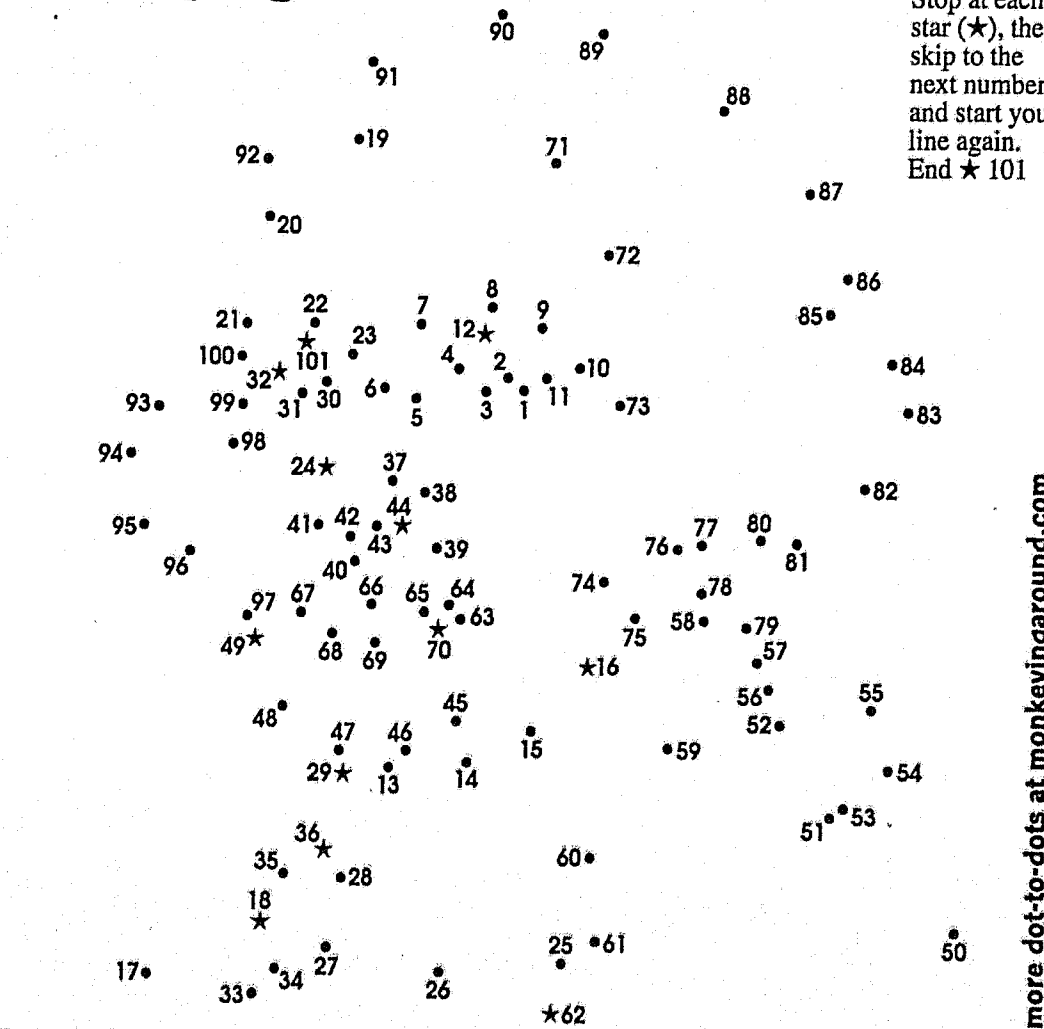
ACROSS	59 Vaudeville staple	106 Crucifix	9 "Of course!"	53 Fighter pilots	94 Circle dance
1 Hirt hit	62 Disdain	108 Agitated	10 Harlem room	54 "SNL" bit	95 Sikorsky or Stravinsky
5 Kudrow or Hartman	63 Unduly	111 HAGMAN	11 Apply gently	56 Haunted-house sound	96 First offender
9 Lucas character	64 —Ca-Dabra— (74 song)	115 Pluggy	12 Pettie parasite	57 Oklahoma city	97 Jay's house
13 Gullible one	65 JFK Library architect	116 Khan opener?	13 Mongrel	58 Alex Haley book	100 Negative correlative
18 Rueful cry	66 Beethoven symphony	117 Castilian cry	14 Owens special	60 Pianist	104 It may be tall
19 Certain Semite	69 Velvety plant	122 Croc's kin	16 Mediter-ranean island	61 Bandleader	105 Internet acronym
20 Imported cheese	72 Pro-gun grp.	126 Mideastern mall?	17 Brooklyn school	67 Bergonzi or Poni	107 Colors
21 Extragalactic object	73 Little hiker?	129 PAQUIN GETS STARRING	21 Suppress	68 "Waves of grain" color	109 Demetrius' duds
22 DIRECTOR PICKS KAPLAN TO PLAY LINCOLN	74 SANDLER GOES ON TOUR	134 In public mecca	23 Skirt feature	70 Fast filer	110 Inclined
25 Author Le Guin	78 Ever's partner	135 Row	24 Skiers' color	71 Bright	111 Sweet and slave
26 Prepare to propose	81 Slugger's stat	136 General Bradley	29 Wee one	73 Between three	112 Dumbstruck
27 Valueless	82 Attempt	137 Final	32 Present	75 Bum a ride	113 Brings down the house
28 Hum bug?	83 Sully	138 Alarm button	34 Datebook abbr.	76 Humble	114 Thought-provoking
30 ABA member	87 "—a Song Go..."	139 Flaccous noise	35 —Aviv	77 Soprano's showcase	119 Particle
31 Fix a fight	88 TV's "The Patrol"	140 —Hard crawler	36 Charges	78 Jessica of "Dark Angel"	120 Mafia or Downey
33 "WHEEL" RATINGS PLUNGE	90 Prelim	141 Actress Merrill	37 "The March King"	79 Comic Carter	121 Patty clash?
39 More meager	92 Plumbing tool	DOWN	38 Fedra fabric	80 Melville novel	123 Prepare to fly
44 "Graf —"	95 AFFLECK WINS SECOND OSCAR	1 Item in a trunk	39 Mineral springs	84 Play ground?	124 —even keel
45 Navigation hazard	98 Ho hi	2 Economist Greenspan	40 She brought out the beast in men	85 Great Lake natives	125 Sita's husband
46 Film, for short	101 Roof part	3 Ming thing	41 Part owner?	87 Po land	127 Chemical suffix
47 Castilian custard	102 "Holy cow!"	4 Behind a windjammer	42 Urban transport	89 It'll give you a lift	128 PC key
49 Commoner	103 "Casablanca" character	5 Fall behind	43 Absorbed	91 Change for a five	130 Long or Peoples
51 Arm bones		6 OPEC member	44 Ruth's mother-in-law	93 Helicopter sound	131 Unused
55 CARNEY IN NEW FILM		7 "Elephant Boy" star	50 Mont —		132 Dadaism founder
		8 Cain's victim	52 Puppy bites		133 Lingerie item



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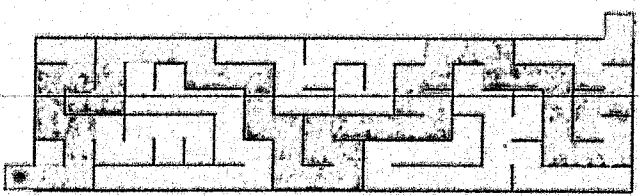
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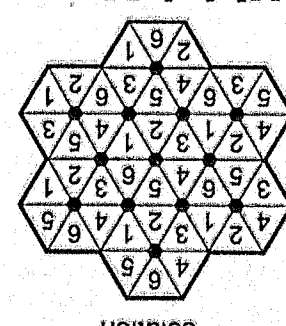
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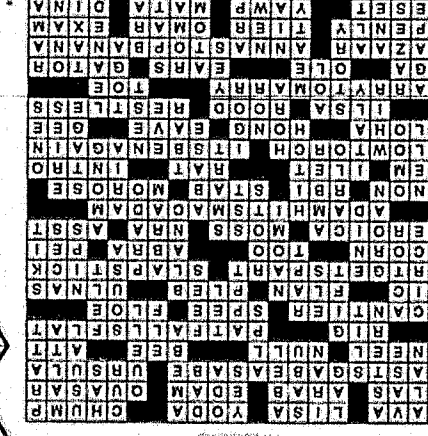


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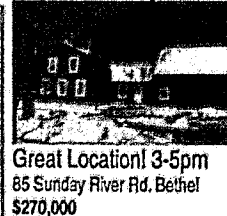
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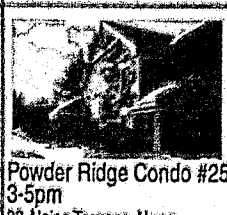
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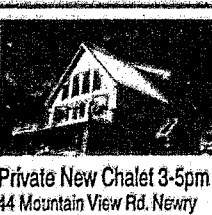
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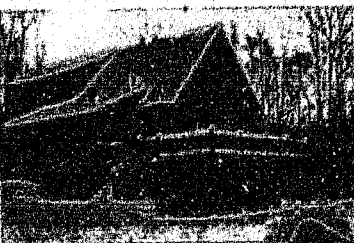
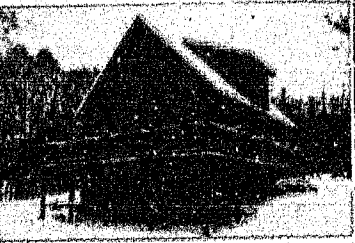
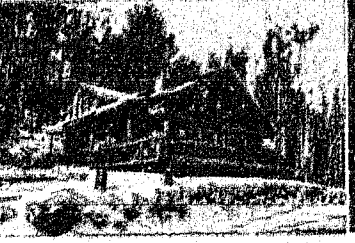
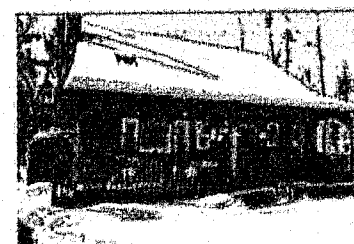
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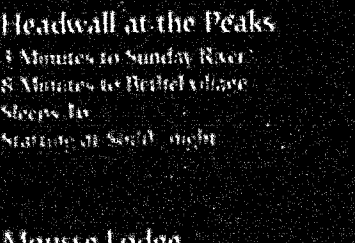
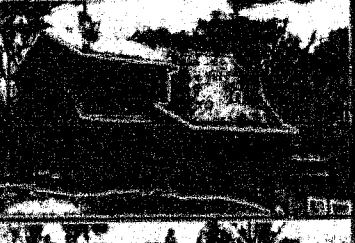
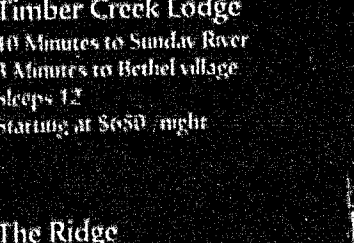
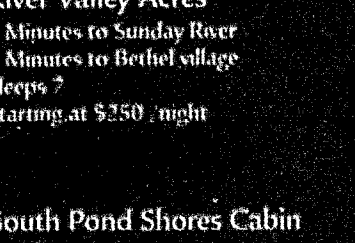
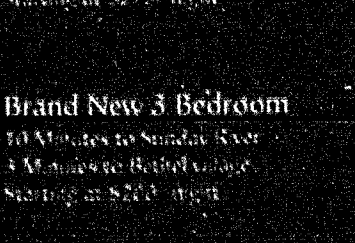
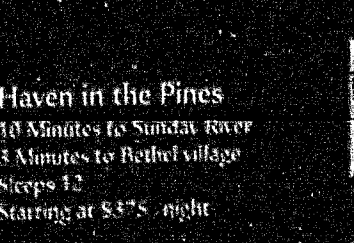
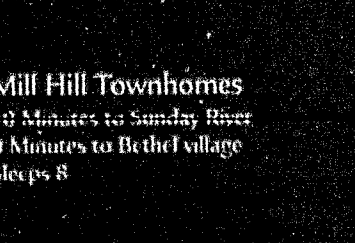
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Obituaries



HAROLD BLAISDELL JR.
Harold "Harry" Blaisdell, Jr., died unexpectedly on Feb. 15, 2012.
He was born the son of Harold and Loretta (Gironda) Blaisdell on Dec. 30, 1946. He graduated from Dixfield High School in 1965.
Harry spent his career at the Boston City Library, retiring after many years of dedicated service. In his younger years, he spent countless hours working odd jobs to provide special gifts for his younger siblings.
He will be remembered for his smile, wit, humor and unwavering love. His heart was huge, always willing to put others before himself.
Harry often spoke of his friends from "home" and how he treasured their friendships.
All who knew him appreciated his artistic talent and his gift of the written word. His heart was huge, he was loved and will be greatly missed.
Heaven is brighter with his presence.
He is survived by his brother,

er, Michael "Blaze" Blaisdell of Bethel, Maine; sisters, Bonnie Cappucci of Manchester, Conn., and Bettina Desrochers of Vermont; nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts and uncle.
He was predeceased by his parents and nephew Harold M. Blaisdell.

NORMAN S. GALLANT

Norbert S. "Norbie" Gallant, 90, a lifelong resident of Mexico, Maine, died peacefully with family by his side on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012 at the Rumford Community Home, Rumford, Maine.
He was born Oct. 18, 1921 in Mexico, Maine, the son of James and Calista (Philbrick) Gallant, and had attended Mexico schools.
He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II and served in the South Pacific as a Seabee with the 32nd Special Battalion.
He owned and operated Norbie's Mobil Station on Main Street, Mexico, for 25 years.
He was a past member and pilot of the Civil Air Patrol and Aircraft Owner and Pilots Association.
He was a member of the Mexico Boosters for many years, and had also coached pony league baseball. He was a charter member of the Mexico Lions Club and chairman of the eye care committee. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and also the American Legion in Rumford.
Norbie was responsible for establishing the Veterans Memorial Black Stone at the Mexico Greens. He had also been very instrumental in recently starting the individual veteran's stones project.

These stones are now being displayed at the Greens.
Norbie was an avid outdoorsman. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and flying remote-controlled planes.
The Town of Mexico honored Norbie by dedicating the 2004-2005 Annual Town Report to him for his lifelong dedication to helping and serving his community.
He was a loving and caring person to his family, friends, and all who knew him.
He was married in Mexico, Maine on Oct. 18, 1941 to Ellen "Sally" Hickey who died Sept. 21, 2007.
Survivors include sons Timothy Gallant and wife Malinda of Weld, and Gregory Gallant and wife Cheryl of Rumford; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a special son-in-law, Clayton Miller of Mexico; and was predeceased by his parents, wife, daughter Wendy Miller, sisters Flora Landry and Ardice Babineau, and step-mother Vera Gallant.
Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meaderrandson.com.
A Farewell Gathering will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, at the American Legion Hall, Congress Street, Rumford, Maine.
Interment in the spring will be at the Pineview Cemetery, Roxbury, Maine. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to "Talking Books" at the Maine State Library Outreach Services, 64 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0064 in his memory.



MARY EMMA VALENTINE
Mary Emma Valentine, 86, of Bethel, died at the Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris, Maine, on Feb. 19, 2012.
Mary was born on Sept. 2, 1925 in East Liberty, Pittsburgh, Pa.
She graduated with high honors from Wilkesburg High School in 1943. She received a B.S. in Liberal Sciences at Carnegie Technical Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa., and a Master's degree in Education at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. She worked as the secretary and church organist for the First Christian Church in Bloomington.
Mary continued her education at Columbia University in New York, earning a M.S. in Library Science. Upon graduation she was hired as the Assistant Library Director at the Thayer Library in Braintree, Mass.
For five years she was in charge of all of the libraries in the Whitman, Mass., school system.
She retired and moved to Bethel to care for her parents. She was a volunteer at the Bethel Library and The Bethel Historical Society. There she researched and wrote about the Western Maine Saints, Mormon missionaries in the Bethel area in the 1820s. She would lead visitors on guided tours of the old Mormon houses in the Bethel area.
Mary played the organ at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church for many years and for the West Parish Congregational Church for 25 years.
Mary was predeceased by her parents, Neil and Carrol Valentine.
She leaves her brother, Richard C. Valentine of Bethel.
Funeral services will be private.

Weddings



Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Bellinger

Kyle Joseph-Lester Bellinger and Paige Elizabeth Mackey were joined together in marriage on Jan. 14, 2012 at Stanwick Chapel in Greenwich, Conn. The Rev. Kevin Bellinger officiated at the ceremony.
The maid of honor was Allison Mackey, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Emily Bellinger, sister of the groom, and Lucy Hoffman.
The best man was Joshua Bellinger, brother of the groom. Groomsman were Charles Mackey, brother of the bride, and Christian Evans.
The ceremony was followed by a reception for close family and friends at Waveny House in New Canaan, Conn.
Kyle is the son of the Rev. Kevin and Nancy Bellinger of Bethel. He is a 2008 graduate of Nyack College and is a manager at Espresso Neat in Darien, Conn.
Paige is the daughter of Leonard and Katie Mackey of Riverside, Conn. She recently graduated from Columbia University with an M.S.N. and is pursuing a career as a nurse practitioner.
The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica and are now happily residing in Darien, Conn.

Engagements

Otten — Dodds

With great joy, Leslie B. Otten of Bethel, and Chris Bennett Otten of Brookline, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Meredith B. Otten to Kurt M. Dodds, son of Gerald and Julia Dodds of State College, Pa.
The couple lives in Philadelphia where Meredith, a UVM graduate and Babson MBA, works for the Muscular Dystrophy Association as director of business development, and Kurt, a Penn State graduate and St. Joseph's MBA, is vice president and director of the Asset Management Group at PNC Financial.
A New England fall ceremony is planned.

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